

YC-Cyclopedia

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As of 2021 I have created this resource of history for Yamhill County Oregon. How this came about was because Wikipedia is so difficult to work with. I wanted to use Wikipedia but each time I tried to add anything I got kick backs from them because I wasn't giving sources. Even though each post I tried to add had a source it just wasn't considered legitimate by Wikipedia. So.... I made my own Wikipedia which I am calling, YC-Cyclopedia.

These items of interest that I have added and will add in the future are items of interest to me mostly. These topics are of people, places and things that are written about here and there that I collect as I read and do my personal research.

Enjoy.

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History lies in cemeteries

May 25, 1999 

By STARLA POINTER Of the News-Register

Dozens of cemeteries around Yamhill County offer a fascinating reminder of the people who shaped the area's history.

Some of the oldest markers date back to the 1840s, when settlers came west over the Oregon Trail. Some even note that connection.

"Died crossing the Snake River, Aug. 7, 1847," notes the grave of W.T. Hines, who is buried in the Pike Cemetery northwest of Yamhill.

A new gray granite stone in McBride Cemetery, west of Carlton, honors the man for whom the site is named. "Thomas Crawford McBride, July 25, 1777 to April 29, 1857, pioneer Christian preacher, among first in Oregon territory. Marker placed by his spiritual heirs."

Also in McBride Cemetery is the 1897 grave of Wilson Carl, who founded the city. John Wennerberg, for whom Carlton's park is named, was buried there in 1918. And among the many Sitton family graves is that of Roma Sitton, who was the county's unofficial historian until she died in 1996 at the age of 100.

Pike Cemetery similarly contains names familiar to the area. Belt. Bunn. Kuykendall. Perkins. Wirth. Whitlow. VandeWalle.

Pike actually is two adjacent cemeteries, one side maintained by the community and the other by the International Order of Odd Fellows. Across the country, the Odd Fellows took responsibility for cemeteries in many communities, while Masons were responsible for many others.

Masonic cemeteries in Yamhill County are located in McMinnville, Sheridan and Lafayette. I.O.O.F. cemeteries include the one at Pike, another at Lafayette and one at Dayton.

"When I was young, we Odd Fellows just went out there and worked on it all the time," said Lowell Stevens, president of the Dayton Odd Fellows Cemetery Association. "Every lodge had a cemetery. It was our public service."

Dayton's I.O.O.F. chapter, Yamhill Lodge 20, disbanded several years ago. That's when the nonprofit association formed to care for the cemetery on Thompson Lane, south of town. The organization set up a fund for perpetual upkeep of the property. In addition, Stevens cleans old tombstones and helps people find relative's graves.

Walking through the neatly-kept cemetery, Stevens pointed out friends and relatives that live on in his memory. Next to his grandparents, Lavina and George Baxter, lies his uncle Frank, who died as a teen-ager. "Frank gave his life to athletics," Stevens said, explaining that the high school student set a long-standing record in the hammer throw – but the toss ruptured an artery, causing his death.

Stevens also pointed out the grave of Dr. Merritt Reitzel, one of the early physicians in the area. Reitzel spent three days with the Stevens when 6-week-old Lowell was suffering from pneumonia. "This one's special to me," Stevens said, looking at the monument. "A lot of them are."

Churches also operate cemeteries, in some cases. In Yamhill County,

the Hopewell Cemetery, established in 1849, is affiliated with the Hopewell Church. St. James Cemetery in McMinnville is operated by the Catholic Church. Friends Cemetery in Newberg is part of the Friends (Quaker) denomination.

McMinnville's cemeteries

McMinnville's founder, W.T. Newby, is buried in the Masonic Cemetery on a hill that once was west of town. In recent years, Newby's city has grown to almost surround his burial site.

As McMinnville has grown, the number of cemeteries has grown as well. Burials started in the mid-1800s in the Masonic cemetery. At the northeast city limits, St. James Cemetery was established, also in the 1800s.

And in the mid-1920s, funeral director William T. Macy opened Evergreen Memorial Park across the road from St. James. "Roads were bad then, and our great-grandfather had trouble getting the funeral coach up the hill to the Masonic Cemetery," said Steve Macy, who now owns Macy & Son Funeral Directors with his brother Scott. "So he opened his own cemetery."

Evergreen now is the largest cemetery in Yamhill County, with about half of its 100 acres developed for gravesites and mausoleums.

Finding history

In contrast, many cemeteries in the county are small, as little as an acre or two. Some of the family cemeteries aren't even that large.

Small, regularly maintained cemeteries in the county include McBride, established in 1857; Dayton's Brookside Cemetery on the east side of Palmer Creek, established in 1844; Buck Hollow north of Willamina, where graves date back to 1866; and South Yamhill Cemetery southwest of McMinnville at the intersection of Masonville and McCabe Chapel roads, also dating to the mid-1800s.

The tiny Malone Cemetery in McMinnville is easy to reach; established in 1865. It's located adjacent to Wilco Farmers on Highway 99W.

Many of the other tiny cemeteries no longer are accessible. Some are located on or behind private property. Reaching the Happy Valley Cemetery, for instance, requires turning off High Heaven Road onto a private driveway; the owner's permission is necessary.

Other cemeteries today are nothing more than locations on a map. The Odell Cemetery on Webfoot Road, for instance, is in danger of becoming one of the lost ones. Blackberry vines and ivy - and poison

oak, local residents warn - are winning their battle against human caretakers.


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Letter to readers

May 26, 2001 

This story started eight to 10 years ago, when Barry House and Ray Kauer discovered an abandoned pauper's cemetery on their tree farm next to the Masonic Cemetery. It had been accidentally sold off by the county years earlier. Yamhill County Historical Society President Shirley Venhaus mentioned the find to the News-Register, and a story ensued. While working on that story, House mentioned to me that the pauper's cemetery had been associated with the County Poor Farm, which had been located nearby. Another story came about, this time about the institution that contributed many of the inhabitants to the cemetery.

The most recent incarnation of the story has been in Hillside Highlights, the newsletter of nearby Hillside Communities. The stories have been written by Ross Yates, who read of the Poor Farm in the News-Register and began researching its history.

He delved into old county and newspaper records. He even found a Hillside resident who'd visited the Poor Farm in the 1930s to sing hymns for the residents with a First Baptist Church group.

For the last couple of months, the newsletter has been publishing Yates' findings, and he was good enough to send me copies. What I wonder now is, what will be the next stage of this story.

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Voices - Milestones in Yamhill County history

Dec 31, 1999 

Story Body: Millstones, cornerstones and many firsts form the milestones in Yamhill County history.

This partial but potent list of events has been gleaned from materials at the Yamhill County Historical Society Museum, published town

histories, newspaper stories, organizational records and historical accounts by Mike Colvin, Katherine Huit and David Bates.

The pioneering spirit of county residents, from a millennium ago to the present, underlies our community's accomplishments.

1000

- Native tribes inhabit the region now known as Yamhill County.

1780-1830

- Epidemics contracted from white explorers and traders nearly wipe out the tribal populations.

1836

- A retired fur trader settles near Dayton with his Clatsop wife and family.

1830s

- Ewing Young establishes a large homestead to raise cattle near present-day McMinnville.

1843

- John Baker stakes a land claim along Panther Creek.
- Oregon establishes a provisional government.
- Predating even the territorial government, Yamhill County becomes one of the first "districts" in the region, with Lafayette as the seat of government.

1844

- William T. Newby stakes a land claim along present-day Baker and Third streets, now the site of public library.
- The first school in the county is established on the Yamhill River between Lafayette and McMinnville.
- Dayton's first commercial enterprise is a ferry crossing the Yamhill River.
- The first grave is dug in Brookside Cemetery in Dayton.

1846

- The first tract in Amity is cultivated.
- The first county judge, Jeremiah Rowland of Carlton, is appointed.

- Lafayette, called "Falls of Yam Hill River" by Joel Perkins, is designated the county seat and becomes the county's first platted town.

- Yamhill County hires its first sheriff, John G. Baker.

1848

- The first hotel, Lafayette House, is built in Lafayette.

1849 Oregon Territory is formed.

- Compromise is reached on a school site following fierce debate, giving Amity its name.

- General store opens in Dayton.

- Hopewell Cemetery is established.

- Methodist Church is built in Yamhill.

1850

- The first grist mill in the county is built west of Yamhill.

- Lafayette opens the first post office in the county.

- Donation land claims become available to white settlers.
- The first U.S. court in Yamhill County convenes in Lafayette.
- The first barge service begins operating between Lafayette and Oregon City.

1851

- The first steamboat arrives on the Yamhill River.

1852

- The first bridge in Yamhill County is completed, spanning the Yamhill River in Lafayette.

1853

- The federal government sets aside 60,000 acres for the Grand Ronde Indian reservation, intended for the Rogue, Klamath, Chinook, Coquille, Siletz, Tillamook, Nestucca, Calapooya, Twalaty and Modoc tribes of the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue valleys.

1853

- Joel Palmer of Dayton is appointed superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon.

- The first women in Oregon to enter a political gathering slip into the Lafayette Courthouse during a candidate debate.

1854

- The first county fair in Oregon takes place in Lafayette.

1855

- A telegraph line is run through Yamhill County.

1856

- Lafayette's population hits 800; McMinnville's stands at 27.

1857

- Nearly all county records are lost when the courthouse in Lafayette burns to the ground.
- McBride Cemetery is established west of Carlton.

1858

- Baptists begin running McMinnville College, later to become Linfield College.

- The Amity Baptist church is established and goes on record as opposing slavery.

- By vote, Lafayette remains the county seat.

1860

- Nearly all tillable farmland in the county "has been claimed, purchased or homesteaded," it is reported.

- The Wheatland Ferry begins operating.

1865

- Joel Palmer builds a flour mill near Dayton.

- First sawmill begins operation in McMinnville area.

- Malone Cemetery in McMinnville is established.

1866

- The first grave is dug in Buck Hollow Cemetery, north of Willamina.

- The first newspaper in the county is published as the Lafayette

Courier, later to become the Telephone Register in McMinnville and eventually the News-Register.

1867

- The Grange is established in Yamhill County as the Patrons of Husbandry.

1868

- The first cargo of Oregon wheat is sent to Europe by way of the Horn of Africa; it is from the Joseph Watt farm in Amity.

1870

- McMinnville's population hits 1,200, Lafayette's falls to 600.

- Daily mail delivery arrives in the county via a four-horse stagecoach from Portland.

1872

- Railroad reaches McMinnville.

1874

- Star Hose Company No. 1 is formed as McMinnville first volunteer

fire department.

1874

- The town of Carlton gets its name as Carl's Town, a railroad stop.

1877

- Cook School becomes McMinnville's first public school.

1878

- Lafayette incorporates as a city.
- A narrow-gauge railroad is completed from Dayton to Sheridan for transporting grain; the first engine to arrive, by boat, has to be pulled by mule up the steep Dayton riverbank.

1879

- The Southern Pacific Railroad is laid through Amity.

1880

- Dayton (population 375), Sheridan (200), and Amity are incorporated as cities; Carlton's population is reported at 72.

1882

- City of McMinnville incorporates.
- McMinnville College moves to its present site; Pioneer Hall is built from bricks made in local brick plant.

1884

- The Wortmans establish First National Bank of McMinnville.

McMinnville College awards its first baccalaureate degree.

1885

- The first drain tile factory in Oregon opens in Yamhill.

1886

- Typhoid contaminates many wells in McMinnville.

1887

- McMinnville collects enough votes to wrest the county seat from Lafayette.

1888

- A county courthouse and jail are built in McMinnville.

1889

- McMinnville forms the first municipally owned water and light department in the Western United States and gets electric street lights.

- The City of Newberg incorporates.

1899

- The City of Carlton incorporates.

1890

- The first food drier in Dayton is built, leading to development of the largest drying facility in the Northwest.
- The Dayton bridge is washed out.

1894

- Yamhill passes a motion to allow only cows who give milk to run

free in the streets.

1895

- The city of Dundee incorporates.

1897

- The Cumberland Presbyterian church is erected in McMinnville.

1898

- The first telephone service in the county comes to Carlton.

1899

- A long-distance telephone line connects Newberg, McMinnville and Portland.

1900

- Lafayette Locks are built.
- McMinnville's population hits 1,420.

1901

- North Yamhill shortens its name to Yamhill and incorporates as a city.

1903

- The first car in Yamhill County is purchased.
- The city of Willamina incorporates.

1904

- Carlton Lake is developed.
- McMinnville establishes its first hospital.

1905

- The Greater McMinnville Chamber of Commerce is founded.

1906

- Half of downtown Dayton is destroyed by fire; a building is dynamited to prevent the fire's spread.

1907

- A hospital is built in Carlton to care for men injured in logging operations.

1908

- McMinnville builds a \$10,000 hydroelectric plant on Baker Creek, a plant that would continue operation until 1971.

1910

- Carlton records indicate that a skilled laborer earns \$3.50 a day and water costs 50 cents a month per faucet.

1910

- Lincoln High School is built in McMinnville.
- Amity Seed and Grain builds a warehouse on the rail line.

1912

- Lafayette's first public school is built.
- McMinnville's Third Street is paved.
- An Elks Lodge is formed in McMinnville.

1913

- A Carnegie Library opens in McMinnville on Feb. 26.
- The state takes over the road system in Oregon.
- All businesses and some residences in Sheridan burn to the ground.

1915

- The award-winning Carlton Creamery, precursor to the creamery co-op in McMinnville, is established.

1916

- The McMinnville Fire Department purchases its first motorized truck.

1917

- The cooperative extension service is established in McMinnville.
- McMinnville builds a \$90,000 dam and reservoir on Haskins Creek, which still supplies city water today.

1918

- McMinnville city swim pool is built.
- Carlton Lake is drained for the first time.

1919

- Nott and Randall's general store opens in Amity.

1920s

- McMinnville's numbered streets are reversed to allow more than five streets.

1922

- The Flora Logging Co., one of the biggest in the Northwest, begins operation in Carlton.
- McMinnville College becomes Linfield College after a gift of land from Frances Ross Linfield.
- The old county courthouse in Lafayette is torn down.

1923

- Carlton Lake is refilled with water.

- The West Side Pacific Highway, along Lafayette Avenue and Third Street, becomes the first paved road across Yamhill County.

1924

- The Water & Light Department begins supplying McMinnville with electricity from diesel generators.
- The McMinnville Kiwanis Club is organized.

1928

- City Sanitary Service begins garbage collection and disposal for Yamhill County.
- The Bladine family purchases the Telephone Register, now the News-Register.
- Linfield College receives full accreditation.

1929

- Huberd Show Grease begins operations in McMinnville.
- A stock market crash precipitates the Great Depression.

1934

- Sheridan hosts its first rodeo, to become Phil Sheridan Days and now just Sheridan Days.

1937

- The county fair moves to the McMinnville armory.

1938

- Highway 99W "bypass" is built, allowing traffic to bypass Lafayette Avenue and pass straight through McMinnville.

- The first turkey is barbecued at the Yamhill County Turkey Fair.

1939

- The Tillamook Burn sweeps through timber reserves, forcing several lumber companies to move or close.

1940

- McMinnville becomes one of the first communities to purchase power from Bonneville Power Administration.

1941

- Carlton and Coast Railroad is dismantled.
- Mack Theater opens in an 1866 building.

1945

- McMinnville purchases property for a municipal airport.
- Soldiers returning from World War II put an extreme pinch on the local housing supply.

1947

- McMinnville gets its first parking meters.

1948

- Carlton celebrates its first Tulip Festival, which becomes Carlton Fun Days.

1949-50

- Water shortages hit McMinnville hard.

1950

- Portland Glove Co. moves to Carlton.

1951

- The Three Mile Lane Bridge is completed.

1952

- After much controversy, Adams and Baker streets in McMinnville become one-way.

- Rickety wooden bridges over Cozine Creek are replaced with earth fills on Western Avenue and Brockwood Hill.

1952

- A four-lane road between Lafayette and McMinnville is completed.
- McMinnville constructs a new sewage treatment plant.

1953

- The storage capacity of McMinnville's Walter Link Dam is increased.

- McMinnville loses 300 jobs when Nestle's Milk Condensary and the Engle and Worth Sawmill close, prompting the creation of McMinnville Industrial Promotions to attract new industry.

1954

- The Grand Ronde tribes are declared terminated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- Archway Cookies bakes its first batch in McMinnville.

1955

- A new county jail is constructed.
- The Baker Creek Bridge opens for traffic.
- Linfield College begins building a new gymnasium, Riley Hall.
- The McMinnville Jaycees are formed.

mid-1950s

- McMinnville builds a junior high school.

1957

- McMinnville builds an indoor pool, using bonds authorized by voters two years earlier as financing.

- Rex Mobile Homes locates in McMinnville, employing 250.

1959

- Yamhill County Turkey Fair becomes Pacific Coast Turkey Exhibit.

- Dillin Hall opens as a cafeteria at Linfield College.

- School bonds pass to build

- Newby Grade School, convert the junior high into a high school, renovate Lincoln High School as a junior high.

- The county fair moves to its present Lafayette Avenue location.

- Three Mile Lane is completed, forming a new bypass for McMinnville.

1960

- Evergreen Helicopters is incorporated in McMinnville.

- Nelson Paint opens in McMinnville as a result of McMinnville

Industrial Promotions.

- The Yamhill County Historical Society organizes.
- McMinnville Industrial Promotions is the first entity in the Northwest to qualify for federal Small Business Administration loans.

1961

- Yamhill County Turkey Fair becomes Turkey Rama.
- Norwest Woolen Mills builds a 67,000-square-foot building on Lafayette Avenue, also as a result of McMinnville Industrial Promotions.

1963

- Courthouse roof damaged

in the Columbus Day storm.

1964

- The city of McMinnville purchases the L.A. Courtemanche house to use as a city hall.

1967

- The first vineyard since prohibition is planted as Eyrie Vineyard.

1968

- "Absence of a Cello" is Gallery Theater's first production.

1969

- McMinnville Industrial Promotions brings in nine new industries, including Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Ore-land Industries, Zieman Manufacturing, Skyline Mobile Homes, Consolidated Metal Products and Motor Rim and Wheel.

- The first building for the Yamhill County Historical Society Museum is purchased, the 1893 Evangelical Mission in Lafayette.

1970s

- Construction of Highway 18 over McMinnville's Three Mile Lane is begun, forming a by-pass through Dayton.

1973

- Turkey Rama holds its last turkey race.
- Direct telephone dialing becomes available in McMinnville.

1975

- PLAN places its first adopted child, a Vietnamese orphan.

1976

- The first powwow in Grand Ronde is held at the grade school.
- Elaine Rohse becomes the first woman to serve on the McMinnville City Council.

1977

- McMinnville acquires the former National Guard Armory for its Community Center.

1979

- An Eyrie Vineyards 1975 pinot noir places third in the "World Wine Olympics" in Paris, beginning to put Yamhill County wines on the map.

1980

- Turkey Rama's first Biggest Turkey is named.

- YCAP is formed to give aid to the needy.1981

- Henderson House shelters its first clients.

1982

- Recycling becomes a countywide effort to meet waste reduction standards.

1983

- President Ronald Reagan signs the restoration order for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

- The Erath Vineyards 1980 Vintage Select Pinot Noir is chosen as the best American pinot noir.

1985

- Construction begins on a new McMinnville swimming pool complex to enclose both the competition and recreation pools, and to add spectator seating.

1986

- The McMinnville Downtown Association is founded.

1987

- The Biggest Turkey contest becomes a fund-raiser for Friends of Hospice.
- The first International Pinot Noir Celebration is held on the Linfield College campus.

1988

- The Christmas Cantata Choir gives its first performance.

1989

- Kids on the Block begins offering after-school games, sports, arts and crafts in McMinnville.

1990

- The first Mayor's Ball raises money for Kids on the Block.

1991

- Together Works holds its first meeting for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and friends in McMinnville.

1993

- Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" arrives in McMinnville, where Evergreen International Aviation will build an aircraft museum.
- The first Art Harvest is held by the Arts Alliance of Yamhill County.

1994

- Downtown McMinnville hears its first Brown Bag concert.

1996

- The city of McMinnville, McMinnville School District and McMinnville Water & Light begin laying a fiber-optic network for internal communications and computer system connections.
- Spirit Mountain Casino opens its doors in Grand Ronde.
- McMinnville begins requiring an election on every annexation.
- Willamette Valley Medical Center opens on Three Mile Lane in McMinnville.

1997

- The first child is seen in Juliette's House Child Abuse Assessment Center.

1999

- The McMenamin brothers reopen Hotel Oregon as a brew pub, restaurant and inn.


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Young caretaker grooms old cemetery

Feb 15, 2005 

By STARLA POINTER
Of the News-Register

Chanetell Fredrickson served as unofficial hostess when cemetery enthusiasts from all over Oregon paid a Friday visit to McMinnville's Malone Cemetery.

The visitors had been attending a meeting of the Oregon Historic Cemetery Commission, an appointed panel that oversees historic cemeteries throughout the state.

In addition to the board members, about 75 people attended the meeting, held in the McMinnville Public

Library. The roster included many caretakers for small cemeteries dotting Oregon, including ones in which single families are buried and ones no longer accepting new graves.

After discussing business for two hours, the group left the library for a tour of Malone Cemetery.

The tiny plot is at North Highway 99W and Grandhaven Street, just in front of the Wilco Farmers store. And Chanetell was waiting.

The Carlton resident hadn't been at the meeting because it started at 1 p.m., when she is still in school. But the 13-year-old was eager to show people around.

She feels a deep connection to the cemetery because she has been voluntarily helping take care of it for three years.

The cemetery was in disarray when Chanetell and her mother, Susan, first saw it. The grass was about 18 inches high and the few remaining stones were all but hidden.

"Mom and I used hand clippers to find the stones, then we used a Weedeater, then the lawn mower," she recalled.

Her mother said both she and Chanetell kept asking each other why people would allow a cemetery to crumble like this. "It's a crying shame," she said.

The Malone Cemetery was the first plotted between the North and South Yamhill rivers, according to Dan Linscheid, county surveyor and historian. Records show that the first burial was that of Madison Malone's first wife.

The Fredricksons visit the cemetery with their lawn tools several times a year. But Susan Fredrickson wishes someone would come forward with a more permanent solution.

She is interested in getting someone to repair the plot's concrete block fence. She would like to see a monument put up at the entrance listing all the people who are buried there.

According to Linscheid, at least 15 people were known to have been buried in the Malone plot. And there may be as many as 25 graves.

Chanetell has found only eight markers, though, two of which look as if they were placed for infants. All of the stones are broken and worn.

"When we first stopped here, we thought we could do some etching," her mother said. "But there's just not enough left."


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CUTLINE - Young caretaker shows visitors around Malone Cemetery

Feb 15, 2005 

Starla Pointer / News-Register

Chanetell Fredrickson reads a faded plaque that tells what little is known about the Malone Cemetery, a tiny plot of land near the Wilco Farmers store. Chanetell and her mother have been fighting weeds in the cemetery, which has fallen into disrepair even though it was saved from development.

Even the Malone Cemetery's most complete monument is cracked and faded.


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Historic cemetery needs a champion

Feb 19, 2005 

For decades, flurries of activity to maintain the historic Malone Cemetery have been followed by periods of disrepair. History shows this pattern will be difficult to change.

The late Ralph Wortman, McMinnville banker and community leader, was one of the first to call the condition of the historic cemetery a disgrace. That was in 1968. He organized volunteers and paid for building a block wall around the small plot after cleaning it up. They erected an informative plaque and installed a gate.

In 1974, the News-Register drew attention to an again-overgrown cemetery, and again it was cleaned up.

For the past three years, Carlton teenager Chanetell Fredrickson and her mother have taken their yard

tools and elbow grease several times a year to restore the small, overgrown parcel.

About 25 graves are there, mostly members of the Madison Malone family, many of whose descendants remain in the county. Malone brought his family to Oregon on the 1843 wagon train and was the fourth person to settle in the McMinnville area.

This week, County Surveyor Dan Linscheid, an all-out historian on the side, chased information about ownership of the land. One reference states that adjacent West Valley Farmers became the landowner in 1948; another says that when Wortman organized the cleanup he tried - unsuccessfully - to get the county to do the work because it had owned the property for 26 years.

Thursday, Linscheid discovered a 1915 county survey in which the cemetery and surrounding 28-acre parcel are separate. Malone heirs partitioned off their respective allotments and all were sold by 1943.

So, says Linscheid, hundreds of Malone heirs own the cemetery. County tax rolls, which have shown the county as owner, will be changed. Since cemeteries aren't assessed taxes, the Malones won't get a huge past-due bill.

Yamhill County didn't do the job, even when it was listed as owner of the cemetery. Now, a local group is needed to spearhead a repair project and accept responsibility for regular maintenance.

As we asked in 1974, "Is there anyone willing to take on the project?" A 13-year-old girl from Carlton provides inspiration.


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Cutline Malone Cemetery

May 24, 2005 

Chrissy Ragulsky / News-Register

Tumbled concrete blocks and a broken gate remain at the Malone Cemetery following a car crash on Highway 99W at Grandhaven Street, adjacent to Wilco Farm Store. According to McMinnville Police, Jim R. Meads of Nez Pierce, Idaho, was coming into McMinnville on 99W about 4:30 p.m. May 17. His brakes failed when he tried to stop. He swerved to avoid other cars and slammed his 1979 Ford Courier pickup into the cemetery wall. Meads, 45, was cited for operating an unsafe vehicle and driving uninsured. The cemetery, owned by descendants of Madison Malone, remains in disrepair.


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CUTLINE - Malone Cemetery damaged in auto mishap

May 26, 2005 

Chrissy Ragulsky / News-Register

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CUTLINE - Malone Cemetery wall repaired with volunteer help and donations

Jun 21, 2005 

Above: With the help of a forklift, Larry Gannaway II, Larry Gannaway Sr. and Raymond Hubert, left to right, reposition a heavy gatepost fronting the Malone Cemetery alongside Highway 99W in McMinnville. The post and about 15 feet of concrete block fence were knocked over when a small pickup ran off the road May 17. The out-of-state driver was uninsured. Chanetell Fredrickson and her mother, Sue, Carlton residents who volunteer to keep grass cut in the tiny cemetery, asked the Gannaways to donate time rebuilding the wall.

Right: Willamette Greystone donated about \$250 worth of materials, including the gray blocks Pete May and Larry Gannaway Sr. are positioning. The cemetery, the first platted between the North and South Yamhill rivers, shelters remains of some 25 members of the Malone family. The few remaining relatives are talking with members of the McMinnville Masonic Lodge about assuming ownership and upkeep responsibility.

Tom Ballard/News-Register


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Cemetery, finally, may have a keeper

Jun 25, 2005 

Few people notice the historic Malone cemetery, although it's on Highway 99W at the traffic light with Lafayette Avenue and next door to Wilco. It's been on that site for more than 150 years.

The plot is small with only space for about the 25 graves. Most are of the Madison Malone family which came in 1843, the fourth family to settle in this area.

Surrounding the cemetery is a cement block fence. Larry Gannaway of Amity volunteered his crew to repair it this week after a pickup ran off the road in May and knocked over part of the low wall.

Uncertainty about who owns the cemetery, and thus is responsible for the upkeep, has plagued the property for decades.

A civic leader, the late Ralph Wortman, in 1968 described the cemetery as a disgrace. He thought the county owned the property, but he organized volunteers to put up a wall and gate. The county ignored it.

West Valley Farmers, predecessor of Wilco, was once thought to be the owner with responsibility for maintenance. In 1948, one reference did name it as landowner. The company disagreed. Property taxes weren't an issue; they are not levied on cemeteries.

Yamhill County Surveyor Dan Linscheid resolved the question of county ownership in February. He discovered a 1915 county survey showing Malone heirs partitioned off their allotments that year, but retained ownership of the cemetery property. This month, the county assessor's office made official the proper ownership.

Now, the McMinnville Masonic Lodge is willing to take over the cemetery and maintain it, if it can own the property. The Malone heirs should be gratified to have their ancestors' graves taken care of with the respect shown the two cemeteries the Masons now maintain.

Meanwhile, Carlton teenager Chanetell Fredrickson, whose school assignments on genealogy and pioneer history sparked her interest, will continue maintaining the cemetery, as she and her mother, Sue, have for three years.

Their efforts drew the Masons' attention and, hopefully, helped resolve more than a half-century of uncertainty for the pioneer cemetery.


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Rohse 052615 McMinnville cemetery remembered by few

May 26, 2015 

Malone Cemetery, McMinnville's historic treasure, is old. Old, even for a cemetery. And it is ailing.

This first dedicated cemetery between North and South Yamhill rivers was dedicated as a perpetual cemetery by Madison Malone at the time of his first wife's death in 1850, according to the plaque at the cemetery entrance.

This year, as for many years past, Min Coburn and I, prior to Memorial Day, visited a local cemetery to pay homage to Yamhill County's past greats. This year's visit was to McMinnville's "downtown" cemetery, at 27th Street and Highway 99W at the southwest corner of the Wilco Farm Store.

But as Min and I stood at the wrought iron gate at the cemetery entrance, we were concerned. This was not just an ailing, but perhaps a dying cemetery. Scarcely could an upright marker be seen, although about 50 are believed to have been buried there. A list of those known to be interred there lists only about 15 — the first being Virginia Malone in 1850 — five years before McMinnville's first post office opened on May 29, 1855.

Madison and Virginia Malone and children headed across the Plains to Oregon in 1843. One or, perhaps, two of their four children (Margaret, Robert, Millie and William) were born after coming to Oregon. In 1844, the Malones settled in the northwest section of present-day McMinnville — one of four families then in that area. Madison Malone, a farmer, born in Missouri, was then 33. They took out a 640-acre claim, where their neighbor on the west was John Gordon Baker, who built the first house in that area. To their south was the claim of William T. Newby, founder of McMinnville. On the north were the claims of James T. Hembree and Charles S. Tustin, and on the east, the claim of Joseph R. Young.

As per information at the Yamhill County Historical Museum in Lafayette, the Malones' original log house was at the site of present Lafayette Avenue, north of the railroad crossing where Fred Koch later owned a home.

One source notes that Virginia Malone died about 1847, although the plaque lists her death date as 1850. Perhaps this discrepancy is explained by a necessary practice at that time, as stated on the cemetery plaque: "When a death occurred, the settlers nailed

together a board coffin and a simple burial was made. When the first circuit riding preacher came by, a formal funeral service was held.”

According to one museum source, Virginia was buried in a small grove of oak trees on the Malone Donation Land Claim and that site was believed to have become Malone Cemetery.

Sometime before 1853, Madison married his second wife, Margaret, and their five children were Virginia, Mary, Riley, Annie and Hoyt. Virginia and Riley are said to be buried at Malone, as are Madison and his two wives.

Little is known about the early married life of Madison and Margaret but Margaret was said to have had the first iron cookstove in this part of the country — a possession much envied by the other women. The stove was brought around the Horn, then overland to Malone’s home.

Although almost all those interred in Malone Cemetery are family members, the interment of Britania Halstead, wife of J. Halstead, remains something of a mystery. Her tombstone is the only marble marker in the cemetery.

Once upright, it now lies on the ground but clearly reads” “Died August 20, 1869, at age 29.” No birthday or maiden name is listed. On the list of those interred here, beside her name is the notation: “This woman is unknown.”

A teenage girl, Sarah Elizabeth Baker (1847-1865) also was said to have been buried there, but was later moved to the Baker plot in Masonic Cemetery.

As per information at the Lafayette Museum, Mrs. Carrie Martin, daughter of Mary Malone, is said to have claimed that the grave of one of her uncles was destroyed when the new Highway 99W was built. A notation adds, “I can’t find his name in my notes.”

Now, along that busy highway, a fine stone wall serves as buffer for the little cemetery. At the entrance is a wrought iron gate and plaque. These were the result of McMinnville banker Ralph Wortman being alerted to the condition of the ailing cemetery by niece Dorothy Wortman Gunness. Volunteers from the Yamhill County Historical Society also have helped keep the cemetery groomed. And Wilco Farm Store has been a benefactor, donating a bench, fresh soil, mulch, decorative foliage and flowers for both inside and outside the cemetery wall. Wilco employees also have helped maintain the plot.

And on Memorial Day 2015, those resulting red roses along the sturdy cemetery fence honored those buried there.

But little can be done to rehab the Malone markers. Except for the marble stone for Britanica Halstead, all tombstones apparently were sandstone. Inscriptions on the broken parts we found here and there have few legible figures or letters.

Although time and the elements have taken their toll on those old Malone markers, the cemetery has two other more enduring monuments of a different type. Near the cemetery entrance is a huge decaying stump of a once grand oak tree that perhaps witnessed the burial of Virginia Malone and knows this cemetery history well. Malone Cemetery also has a living oak — maybe 100 feet tall — but it is an aging oak with perhaps but few years of life remaining. Min and I wonder whether the death of that sentinel that has watched over those graves for many years will also mean the death of Malone Cemetery.

Perhaps, however, we worry unnecessarily, because as Min and I searched for broken markers among the wild grass and dandelions, we came across a seedling oak some 10 inches high — perky, sprightly, a healthy green. It, too, will be a majestic oak someday.

And perhaps it is Malone's talisman. Perhaps that little seedling can take the place of the aging oak that may have only few years to live. Perhaps the new oak can then watch over those buried there.

Despite lacking markers, despite lacking visitors with flowers on Memorial Day, with that sentinel oak serving as Malone Cemetery's historian, McMinnville's treasure surely will live on.

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Rohse 100819 Good towns come in small packages

Oct 8, 2019 

A landmark UN report released in May noted that a million species of plants and animals are in danger of extinction in the coming decades.

They are not the only things becoming extinct. So, too, are many of the little communities that once dotted the Yamhill Valley — and numerous that still do. Communities such as Shipley, Chase, Manila, Mount Hood, Gibbs, Unionvale, Whiteson, Gopher, High Heaven and Pike helped settle our valley.

These communities add much to our county's heritage. They have no pretense. They are not glitzy, but are rich in resources. They are like a breath of fresh air in the mass of mankind.

Nowadays, we seem to have a penchant for size: the tallest skyscraper, the longest bridge, the biggest ballpark.

When Oregon Country was being settled, the Yamhill Valley was a favored spot sought by the settlers for their new home. Somehow word had gotten back to the East Coast about our fertile soil that would grow anything, our benign climate, our healthy environment. Our Yamhill area became known as the region's "Bread Basket."

Clusters of newcomers arrived and established communities. Pike community, northwest of Yamhill, was settled by those who came to Oregon from Pike County, Missouri. It also took the name of Zebulon Montgomery Pike, an American explorer and soldier — a good foundation on which to build a community that lasted.

After the location of a community was decided, its founders then wanted a post office. Often the post office was in the home of a settler, who might also give it its name. Sometimes it was a family name, such as Whiteson for White, or Carlton for Carl. Occasionally, it was for a hometown, such as McMinnville, Newberg and Dayton.

Sometimes, the name was for a landmark, or for the tribe that lived along the Yamhill River.

Willamina was named for Willamina Creek, which was named for Willamina Williams, said to be the first white woman to ride a horse across that creek.

For a while, it appeared there might be a shortage of names. When a distinctive town name was said to be desired, Ragic was the chosen name — "cigar" spelled backward. The post office was established Sept. 10, 1898, but, unfortunately, few seemed to want Ragic as a mailing address. The office was closed Oct. 5, 1900. Likewise, a post

office in Curry County named Ekoms — “smoke” spelled backwards — was established June 20, 1899, but never went into service and the order was rescinded Sept. 15, 1902.

One of my favorite Oregonian names is “Unnecessary Mountain,” surely named by a hiker who had an aversion to steep hills. And another name that I like is Roman Nose, a mountain whose name fitted it well.

What with the acquisition of a post office, the next goal of a community often was a cemetery. At the northern entrance to McMinnville, a plaque at the cemetery entrance reads: “Location of the first dedicated cemetery between North and South branches of the Yamhill River. It was dedicated as a perpetual cemetery by Madison Malone at the time of his first wife’s death in 1850.”

As Ralph Friedman explains in “In Search of Western Oregon,” “When a death occurred, the settlers nailed together a board coffin and a simple burial was made. When the first circuit riding preacher came by, a formal funeral was held.”

A big coup for a community was to get a railroad. An even bigger one was becoming county seat. Lafayette was Yamhill County’s first, but when a new courthouse was built, the battle for the site was a bitter struggle with McMinnville the winner of the big honor. McMinnville then became the site of a bank, thanks to the Wortman family — and our city had a railroad.

Many small communities had short lives — such as Mount Hood east of the foot of Amity Hills. The Mount Hood post office was established Oct. 14, 1854, with John Richardson the postmaster. It was assumed that name was chosen because of a view from the post office, on a clear day, of the top of the mountain.

A view apparently wasn’t enough. The office had two other postmasters and closed in January 1862.

Howe, a station near Carlton, was named for William Addison Howe, a resident of Carlton and Portland for many years. He came to Oregon in 1882 after graduating from Harvard. While a student at St. Mark's School in Massachusetts, he made and used the first baseball mask by reinforcing a fencing mask with stronger wire. He died in Portland in 1934.

Many of our communities may have been too small to be remembered or too short-lived: Larch, Ziegler, Web, Manila, Mountain House, Ekins (Dundee), Crawford, Dewey and many others.

Two of our communities perhaps could be called ghost towns because of their former size and importance: Wheatland and Saint Joseph.

Wheatland was an important shipping port on the Willamette, providing needed aid to local farmers in getting their wheat to market.

Saint Joseph, named by Ben Holladay, remembered today by St. Joseph Road between McMinnville and Lafayette, was at the terminus of the Oregon Central Railroad. Its post office operated from 1872 to 1878. The town was platted with 74 blocks, each of which contained 10 lots, and it had, in its heyday, 150 houses and a two-story hotel. Stagecoaches from McMinnville, Dayton and Lafayette met visitors from the East Coast who came to investigate the purchase of property in the area.

During President Franklin Roosevelt's presidency, a Works Progress Administration (WPA) program had the federal government buying acreage in the Saint Joseph area for resettlement purposes. Most of the 1,500-acre tracts were divided into small dairy farms on which houses, garages and barns were built.

Despite efforts to promote Saint Joseph, little remains of the town today.

Not just historians laud the value of these small towns. So, too, psychiatrists are touting the benefits of communities — explaining that they are necessary to our well-being. One of them comments, “There is something incredibly lovely about being part of a group of people who share something more substantial than just geographical location.”

As another benefit of communities, experts cite inclusion in social life. Community is about working together to get a school, a post office. Belonging isolates us from fears. By building communities, we put order into a fragmented world.

Mark J. Dunkelman of Brown University claims that the U.S. has lost touch with its communities. They have now been replaced with networks that keep one in touch only with closest friends.

How lucky we are to have had those communities. They added to our history. They showed us a good way of life.

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Months of cleanup lie ahead

Feb 16, 2021 

By STARLA POINTER

Of the News-Register

Temperatures plummeted Thursday and Friday as freezing rain fell, creating a dangerous coating of ice throughout Yamhill County.

As the thermometer hovered in the high 20s, ice-laden branches bent and broke. Trees toppled, some taking power lines with them.

One of two huge oaks at the Malone Cemetery, adjacent to Wilco in McMinnville, gave way early Saturday. Its trunk and branches landed on Highway 99W, partly blocking the 99W/Grandhaven intersection.

Fallen trees blocked other streets and many rural driveways, too, including the road leading to a winery near Carlton. People used Nextdoor and Facebook asking neighbors for help cutting up and removing the barricades.

“Anyone have a chainsaw?” one poster asked. Another wanted to stoke his fireplace while the electricity was out.

Glittering ice coated everything, turning wires and leaves into silver sculptures. Spectacular icicles lengthened and, as temperatures warmed slightly, fell like daggers.

Tires skidded as drivers who ventured out tried to negotiate slushy, slick streets.

City and county public works employees scrambled to scrape and sand roads. Main thoroughfares were in good shape by Monday morning, although shoulders often were littered with fragments of branches. Side streets still were trickier, sometimes covered by ice and snow.

Many retailers stayed open, but some, such as Burger King and the Carlton Bakery, closed because of the ice storm and related power outages. Most groceries were open; Winco lost power but kept running, asking customers to pay with cash instead of cards after they negotiated aisles lit by skylights.

Power flickered all over the county, and went out for extended periods in some locations. Areas of McMinnville were without electricity for a few hours or, in one area, a day. Many rural areas and the whole city of Carlton, served by Portland General Electric, remained without power Monday.

McMinnville City Council member Adam Garvin posted Facebook updates on the status of outages and how hard utility crews were working. "McMinnville Water & Light is awesome!" James Vander Meide posted in response.

In Amity, the fire hall opened as a warming shelter Saturday afternoon for people without power. Visitors were required to wear masks as they warmed up, sipped coffee and played board games.

The temporary shelter closed Sunday as power began to come back on. Still, Amity firefighters sent a message to residents: Reach out to your neighbors and make sure they're OK.

Taylor Alvarez, manager of McMinnville-based Associated Arborists, said Monday morning the company has fielded a flurry of telephone calls from people in the wake of the storm.

Most have one request, he said: "Put me on your list."

Their commercial or residential property might need immediate help because of a tree down or limbs littering the ground. Or, they may have an issue that needs attention but can wait to be addressed.

"I can't compare this to 2008 because I've only been here 10 years, but this is the worst I've seen in 10 years," Alvarez said.

The storm had passed and the temperature was warming Monday, but all of the company's workers were out, responding to calls and scheduling people.

The company's services are three-fold: utility line clearance, municipal tree service and residential and commercial tree service. On the residential and commercial side, crews visited 40 sites Sunday. From a line clearance and tree trimming standpoint, there were 30 scheduled visits.

The storm produced what Alvarez referred to as “active tree failures.”

Many were “widowmakers,” or detached and broken limbs that could cause a serious injury or prove fatal if they fell on someone. Trees resting on cars and/or buildings also created issues.

Alvarez said it will take months of restorative work to return the local landscape to resemble its former self.

Linfield University lost multiple trees, and several blocked roadways on the McMinnville campus, according to Dennis Marks, director of Linfield public safety. One or two vehicles were slightly damaged by falling branches, he said.

Blocked pathways and areas that could be dangerous have been cordoned off. Monday morning, Linfield crews were removing limbs and reopening access.

Linfield facilities workers also have been busy resetting heating systems on campus, Marks said.

McMinnville School District also reported numerous broken trees and limbs leaning over the entrance to Patton Middle School, but no damage to school buildings. Crews were working Monday to remove debris from sidewalks and driveways, and planned to move on to cleaning up grassy areas and fields.

Pete Keenan, director of facilities, said he checked school buildings and grounds throughout the icy weekend. Fire alarms sounded when the power went out temporarily, but he found no other problems related to the winter storm.

As the storm approached Thursday and forecasters predicted several inches of snow, schools canceled in-person classes and activities. But studying continued, since most students are studying through Comprehensive Distance Learning these days.

Schools didn't have to worry whether to stay closed Monday — it was the Presidents' Day holiday.

Reporter Paul Daquilante contributed to this story.

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Wednesday, May 5, 2021 5:07 PM

Called Joan on May 5, 2020 to find out all I can about the future repairs and care for the Malone Cemetery.

(\$21,000)

Grant is in with

Chip Darnale

Jeff Gooden

Ken Friday (authorization to continue with project)

Rick Arnold is masonry contractor well recommended

Bid from concrete guy for cemetery

Archealogist was there when oak tree

Brian Wick Cascadia landscaping grassy area where stones are

Brent

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Email to Co. Commissioners

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 5:16 PM

Pioneer Cemeteries of Yamhill County

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Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 09:49 AM PDT

Madam Counselors and Mayor Hill,

Recently I wrote to Mr. Kulla the Yamhill County Commissioner. After a week I have decided that he has no intention of contacting me which is sad because I voted for him.

I have been the caretaker for the McMinnville and Lafayette Masonic Cemeteries since 2017. Actively involved in the documenting and preservation history of the county of Yamhill since I left the U.S. Navy and relocated to McMinnville. I have compiled and documented Yamhill County History for the Yamhill County Genealogical Society and the Yamhill County Historical Society for many decades.

My passion is to protect the History that no one else deems important.

This is why I am reaching out.

The Pottersfield Cemetery or what I choose to call the Paupers Cemetery is located at the South East Corner of the McMinnville Masonic Cemetery fence line. Its history goes back into history much farther to the pre-depression era of the 1900's.

The Yamhill County Poor Farm or the Farm for the Aged surfaced in Yamhill County in 1903 when the County Commissioners purchased for \$40 an acre the Jonathan Todd Farm. One year after the purchase a barn was ordered by the same county commissioners beginning the life-span of the Poor Farm. The County Commissioners gave the orders and paid the bills according to documented history which I can provide if needed. The County Commissioners had established the Poor Farm with aim of saving money in fulfilling their duty of providing welfare services. In 1939 it was announced in the local paper that the County was abolishing the farm for the aged and in 1942 the county sold the property which caused the residents to be dispersed to homes around Yamhill County. 39 years the County of Yamhill paid for the needs of the Yamhill County Poor Farm.

That is the short history but there is more that most are not aware of. The small Paupers Cemetery at the South East Corner of the property of the McMinnville Masonic Cemetery is all that is left of the acreage that was purchased by the County Commissioners in 1903. In reality it is all that is left the memory of the Farm. This memory has been forgotten with exception of a few like me.

It is known by shared family histories that the people buried within the Pottersfield / Paupers Cemetery were residents of the Poor Farm, burials paid by the County of Yamhill all without markers. Up to or more than 50 other burials were placed in unmarked graves from the Poor Farm. These plots the indigent of the Poor Farm were sold by the Masonic Lodge in McMinnville for a small amount which is documented within the cemetery ledgers. These plots and all burials paid for by the County of Yamhill.

So here is my heart felt concerns.

Every year this small little corner of forgotten history is not maintained by who purchased it. The County of Yamhill.

Every year this sad reminder of by gone days of the depression years is left to be cared for by volunteers or just forgotten for a year or two or more. I shared earlier in this correspondence I am the caretaker for two pioneer cemeteries which encompass close to 30 acres of land. I barely can keep

County of Yamhill prepare and care for this small sad cemetery owned by the county one time a year for Decoration Day?

That is one sad cemetery out of the way. Now onto my other concern.

The Malone Cemetery going out of town next to the Wilco Store. It is the same situation but a bit different. The same because it is never cared for it is very much a part of early Yamhill County History.

Mrs. Elaine Rohse our beloved News Register columnist wrote in 2019 in the News Register the following, "Location of the first dedicated cemetery between North and South branches of the Yamhill River. It was dedicated as a perpetual cemetery by Madison Malone at the time of his first wife's death in 1850."

The Malone Cemetery is not owned by the County of Yamhill but during the last ice storm a large oak beside the masonry wall surrounding the Malone Cemetery was damaged and in its current situation is an insult to who built this county. It is an eye sore to my town of McMinnville. County and or paid the money to remove the tree and cleaned up the left over branches. What about the tumbled masonry wall and broken metal gate caused by tree that fell?

If money was spent to cut up the tree I think it is fair to say that a little more money can be spent by the County of Yamhill and the Town of McMinn to fix the wall and gate.

If there is a plan in place to repair this wall and gate please share this with me and to the county at large.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny J. Edwards
McMinnville Resident since 1997

Research

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:00 PM

1. Searched through Newregister 1999-2021
2. Searched through Union No. 43 Minutes for Malone
3. -July 5, 2005 it was written that if the lodge owned the Malone Cemetery we would care for it.

RE: Tending county-owned cemeteries

From: Ken Friday (fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us)

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Not sure if this helps but the e-mail address for the local citizen working on this project is:

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I would guess she could tell you where they are in the process.

Ken Friday

Planning Director

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Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:36 AM

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Subject: RE: Tending county-owned cemeteries

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Mr. Kulla if this is true it would be wonderful.

Also plans for future care. Thank you. Johnny

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Wed, May 5, 2021 at 11:17 AM, Ken Friday

[<fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us>](mailto:fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us) wrote:

Just to let you folks know, last month I was requested to write an e-mail to confirm that a clean-up/improvement project at the Malone Cemetery did not need land use approval. My understanding of the project is they plan to rebuild the wall around the cemetery, replace the sidewalk, replace the grass, mulch the perimeter, add period appropriate plants, a wall mural representing 1850 Yamhill County and a sign with the names of the individuals buried in the cemetery. I sent the e-mail to Gill Kuri (OPRD) and copied the local contact, Joan Buccino.

From: Casey Kulla [<kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>](mailto:kullac@co.yamhill.or.us)

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:41 AM

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Ken, Director Beach, Director Friday, and Director Lago.

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To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 11:49 AM PDT

Hi Johnny,

Here is what I got from Ken.

Kuri

From: Ken Friday <fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us>

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:14 PM

To: GILL Kuri * OPRD <Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov>

Cc: joan buccino <joanbuccino@comcast.net>; Desiree Lundeen <lundeend@co.yamhill.or.us>

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Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any additional questions.

Kenneth P. Friday

Planning Director

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From: Johnny J. Edwards <johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:42 AM

To: GILL Kuri * OPRD <Kuri.Gill@oregon.gov>

Subject: Fw: Tending county-owned cemeteries

Kuri good morning.

I'm working with our county commissioners trying to pin down upkeep and repairs of a couple of our McMinnville Pioneer Cemeteries.

Please refer to the below email response from county of Yamhill concerning the Malone Cemetery.

He refers to you and mentions a plan to repair damaged fencing and future signs grass ect.

Could you confirm this for me and share this plan with me.

Thank you as always.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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To: "Casey Kulla" <kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>, "Mark Lago" <lagom@co.yamhill.or.us>, "Johnny J. Edwards" <johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com>, "Ken Huffer" <hufferk@co.yamhill.or.us>, "Jessica Beach" <beachj@co.yamhill.or.us>

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Sent: Wed, May 5, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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<https://m.facebook.com/wilcostores/posts/787835474594843>

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To: hufferk@co.yamhill.or.us; fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us; kullac@co.yamhill.or.us; lagom@co.yamhill.or.us; johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com

Cc: muchb@co.yamhill.or.us

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 09:59 AM PDT

I am looping in our Parks and Work Crew Manager, Ben Much, with regard to this work crew request. I would add, due to COVID, our crews and ability to meet our current workload of parks maintenance and contracts has been very limited for over a year now. Thank you for your patience in that regard.

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I don't believe either of those properties are owned by Yamhill County. I am unclear who may own those two properties, but any requests for work crew assistance would be routed to Ben Much. I would note that due to the pandemic, work crews are limited.

Thank you,

Ken Huffer

County Administrator

Yamhill County

535 NE 5th St.

McMinnville, OR 97128

Ph: 503-434-7501 Fax: 503-434-7553

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Pauper Cemetery / Poor Farm Cemetery / Pottersfield Cemetery

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 To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com
 Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 09:53 AM PDT

Johnny, apologies on not responding. I am swamped, as you might imagine, but I was prompted to search back through emails after seeing your wonderful profile and aw: the News Register. Congratulations! My favorite line was the comparison you made to families taking care of their family gravestones and how you feel the same way about other community members who have passed. Truly touched my heart.

And I wondered what happened at the cemetery. I appreciate you sharing the backstory to it. If the county provided funding to help, would you and others be able to renew? What amount would help?

Casey

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To: Casey Kulla <kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>; Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>; Lindsay Berschauer <berschauerl@co.yamhill.or.us>; Johnny Edwards <johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com>; GILL Kuri * OPRD <kuri.gill@oregon.gov>; Scott.Hill@mcminnvilleoregon.gov
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The other idea, besides providing either funding or hiring a landscaper to tend, could be to add the cemetery to our list of locations that our work crew teams tend? How would you feel about inmate work crews doing this work? Is that disrespectful or would it be inappropriate?

I would love to hear your thoughts before I approach our county administrator, who directs all other staff at the county, with any ideas.

Casey

From: Johnny J. Edwards <johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 8:57 PM
To: Casey Kulla <kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>
Subject: Yamhill Co. Pauper Cemetery

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I am the Caretaker for two Pioneer Cemeteries within Yamhill County. The McMinnville Masonic Cemetery and the Lafayette Masonic Cemetery.

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My question is this..

If the County Poor Farm buried residents in this County Pauper Cemetery shouldn't the county be caring for this small cemetery every year. Especially before Decoration Day?

Volunteers clean it up every year or every other year. Sometimes it gets very over grown.

I respectfully request some clarity on who is responsible for this sad little cemetery.

In my opinion it is the Counties responsibility which is where my taxes go.

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I'll be in touch- we're just getting out of Budget hearings.

I appreciate your passion for this important piece of our history. Now more than ever we need to focus on the heritage and work to honor and preserve those monuments the past.

All the best,

Mary

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Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

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Obituaries and Death Notices -S- Surnames



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Schwalen, Gerald

June 24, 1933 - Feb. 1, 2000

Willamina - Gerald Schwalen, 66, died Tuesday. Cause of death was unavailable. He was born in Amery, Wis., and served in t Navy during the Korean War, then for 23 years, retiring in 1974. He worked for Champion Plywood until 1980, retiring from Rogers machinery in Tualatin in 1990. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and gold mining. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and Linn County Miners. Survivors include his wife, Kathy; sons, Nathan and Leonard, both of Willamina; daugt Wanda Harrison of California; sisters, Mary Mendenhall of Salem, Sally Shook of Milwaukee, Linda Cary of Fredericksburg, ' and nine grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Adamson's Sheridan Funeral Home. Interment will be in Willa national cemetery in Portland. [Source: Statesman Journal (Salem, OR) - Friday, February 4, 2000; Sub. by Ida Maack Recu]

Scott, Mary

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Shelton, Irving

Died, in Yamhill county, on the 5th inst., of typhoid fever, Irving A., son of John W. and Mary P. Shelton, aged 3 years, 2 months and 5 days. [Source: The Oregon Argus (Oregon City, OR) – Saturday, March 26, 1859]

Smith, Elizabeth

The Late Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Crossed The Plains To Oregon In 1847

Amity, Or., May 31 – (Special) – Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, one of the oldest and best-known pioneers of Yamhill County, died at home in this city Thursday evening, May 28. Mrs. Smith was a highly respected and lovable old lady. She was born in Jackson County, Missouri, February 3, 1837; came to Oregon in 1847 with her parents and was married to Cyrus Smith in 1855, who died in 1898. Her husband was agent for The Oregonian for 30 years and was one of the first merchants of this city. Mrs. A. C. McKim, Amity, and Dr. A. G. Smith, of Bossburg, Wash., are the only children who survive her. Three brothers – G. M. Allen, of Amity, Or.; J. W. Allen, of McCleod, N.W.T., and L. F. Allen – are living. [Source: The Morning Oregonian (Portland, OR) – Monday June 1, 1908]

Smith, George

G. W. Smith Convicted of Murder, Commits Suicide

After the close of our Saturday's report of the trial of G. W. Smith for the murder of Mary A. Petch, which was in progress at Lafayette last week, the case was given to the jury late in the day. They retired and at 8:30 Saturday night brought in a verdict guilty in the first degree. Smith was immediately returned to jail and asked for paper and a light, that he might write to his wife but for some reason it was [?] him. He then privately told his fellow prisoner, Rogers, that he was going to commit suicide and asked him to take verbally his dying message to his wife and friends, as he could not write them. He wanted his body not subjected to a post-mortem examination, but given to his wife for interment without molestation, and his rifle, pistol and money, amounting to \$37.75, all that he had on at the time of his capture to be given to his leading counsel, Hon. W. D. Fenton. He made no confession of the crime, but wished his wife to be exonerated from all complicity. Rogers heard it all, but gave no alarm until he thought Smith was dead. It appears that Smith had from fifteen to thirty grains of morphine concealed in the lapel of his coat with which he took his own life. At 1 o'clock yesterday morning the purpose of Smith was discovered and Drs. Littlefield and Colbreath were called, but they soon found that it was too late to save the convicted murderer's life. He lingered along in an unconscious state until about 8 o'clock Sunday morning, when he died. – Portland Telegram. [Source: The Eugene City Guard (Eugene, OR) – Saturday, October 6, 1883]

Smith, William

William R. Smith, 79, Passed Away Monday Morning

William Riley Smith, a resident of Willamina since 1920, died at his home here Monday morning at 8:20 o'clock, after an illness of four years of kidney and bladder disease. He was first engaged in the restaurant business here, and later he and his son, Earl, erected the Coast Highway Garage, and he still owned that business and some residential property here at the time of his death. The deceased was born at Springfield, Ill., January 8, 1852, and was 79 years, 6 months and 19 days of age when he passed away. During several years of his boyhood, he resided near Abraham Lincoln, and on more than one occasion sold apples to the ma-

deceased moved with his family to Jamestown, Kansas. It was there in 1909 that he became converted and united with the Methodist church, where he retained his membership until his death. Mr. Smith is survived by six sons and a daughter. The sons are: Benjamin A. Smith and Orlando L. Smith, both of Jamestown, Kansas, and Harvey D. Smith, Earl G. Smith, Verness E. Smith and Leslie R. Smith, all of Willamina. The daughter is Mrs. Oda D. Linton, of Willamina. Besides these children, the deceased survived by 31 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the T. Chapel at Sheridan, Rev. F.G. Drake, pastor of the Willamina Methodist Episcopal church, officiating, with interment in the Pleasant cemetery at Oregon City. [Source: Unknown - July, 1931; Sub. by Dianne H.]

Sparks, Sarah

Mrs. Sparks, who died recently near Sheridan, Yamhill county, was in her long life of 98 years, never sick but once, and died at the table eating her dinner. She was the mother of 17 children, 6 girls and 11 boys, 10 of whom are now living. One of her daughters, Mrs. John Lynch living on Mill creek, has had 16 children all living but one. Mrs. Sparks has lived in Oregon since [Source: The Eugene City Guard (Eugene, OR) – Saturday, July 30, 1881]

Springer, George

Geo. Springer, a pioneer of '5[?], died at his residence in Amity on the 4th inst. [Source: The Eugene City Guard (Eugene, OR) Saturday, August 28, 1880]

Staggs, Samuel

Samuel F. Staggs died at McMinnville April 13, aged 78. He crossed the plains from Missouri, reaching Oregon in 1846. [Source: Spokesman-Review (Spokane, WA) - April 23, 1895; Sub. by R. Greenlund]

Story, Thomas

Dead – Thos. H. Story, formerly of this place died at his residence in Yamhill County a few days ago. [Source: The East Oregonian (Pendleton, OR) – Saturday, November 30, 1878]

Stow, Francis

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Sung, Wong

Chinaman Found Dead

MCMINNVILLE, Or., June 24 – Wong Sung was found dead in bed yesterday morning. He went to bed, so his countrymen said, in his usual health the night before. No inquest was held over the body. County Judge Bird deemed it unnecessary, as the Chinaman's death was undoubtedly due to excessive opium-smoking. The body was interred in the potter's field, at the Masonic cemetery, today. This is the first Chinaman who has died in McMinnville. [Source: The Morning Oregonian (Portland, OR) –

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PREFACE

These articles were written to give residents of Hillside Communities, living "on the hill" at North Hill Road near the intersection with West Second Street, information to make their half-mile walks in the vicinity more interesting and informative.

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SOLOMON BEARY DONATION LAND CLAIM

Hillside residents have within their purview several historic landmarks. One is the ground on which they walk, free land secured for Solomon Beary by the Donation Land Law passed by Congress in 1850.

Yamhill County, being mostly grassland, was settled early. Pioneers had staked out claims long before the law was passed, sometimes bargaining for them with the Indians. One early pioneer, William T. Newby, had arrived at the forks of the Yamhill in 1843 and laid claim to land on both sides of an Indian trail that was destined to become U. S. Highway 99 West. Newby was ambitious. He saw the need for a grist mill and by 1853 had one running near a creek flowing through what is now Lower City Park west of the library. The mill would draw farmers to the spot. He persuaded another pioneer, Samuel Cozine, to move his blacksmith forge near the mill. Cozine had a land grant including what is now the site of Linfield College. Cozine gave the creek its name. To complete the nucleus of a town, Newby needed a general store. He found a potential grocer in Solomon Beary (spelled "Beery" in some old records). Jim Lockett in *Pioneer History of McMinnville & Lafayette*, wrote that Beary was a "peddler" who "had been going about the county with a wagon load of goods and selling to the farmers in the area." (p.17.) Beary had been born in Wurtemberg, one of the petty states of which much of Germany was then composed. The county census of 1850 lists him as having a wife, Elizabeth, from New York.

Being married, Beary received 640 acres. His donation land claim was roughly rectangular, approximately two miles long by 1/2 mile wide. It adjoined Newby's and spread from there westward to include the slopes now occupied by Hillside Communities and the Masonic Cemetery. Second Street defines what was the southern border. The northern boundary generally followed what is now Fox Ridge Road to N. Hill Road, made the dog leg on that road, and, about the vicinity of the intersection with Wallace Road, headed directly east toward Newby's grant.

What use did Beary make of his claim? He was a storekeeper and apparently prospered. The census of 1870 shows him still living in McMinnville. But he probably soon sold much of his grant to farmers, as did many of the recipients of free land. Desirable land it was -- and beautiful, as Hillside residents today attest.

(The record of the donation land claims in Yamhill County can be found outlined in Metsker's Atlas of Yamhill County, Oregon, for 1928 and 1942, located respectively in the city library and the offices of the Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District at 2200 S.W. Second St., McMinnville.

MILL RACE

You can see the site from the Manor diningroom: look toward a line of trees crossing North Hill Road about 3/8 mile north of the Manor grounds. The remains of the mill race lie at the base of those trees. The flow now passes through a culvert beneath the road and heads toward town.

William T. Newby, McMinnville's founder, began in the early 1850's building a grist mill in what is now Lower City Park located west of the library. He had a millwright in Oregon City make the millstone, which is presently on display at the mill site. He also needed a controlled supply of water and the stream running nearby (Cozine Creek) was unreliable, varying from a trickle to a flood, depending on the season. He must have a race. Baker Creek was the only realistic source of supply. It was several miles away, but he used it. Labor was scarce. Gold rushes in California and Jacksonville, Oregon, had drawn off men from the Willamette Valley. However, Chinese were available. Coolies, as they were called, were entering San Francisco and other ports by thousands, seeking to earn and save enough to return to China and live like mandarins. Newby hired about 300 of them and put them to work with pick and shovel digging a ditch extending from Baker Creek across open grassland about two miles in a straight line, traversing the donation land grants of John G. Baker and Solomon Beary, to a site near the municipal tennis courts. From there he built an aqueduct across the Cozine to continue the flow to a 22-

foot overshot wheel. He dammed Baker Creek at the source of the race to assure a continuous, steady flow.

Time proved the worth of Newby's empirical engineering skill. For many years the mill saved Yamhill County farmers from the laborious task of hauling their grain to Oregon City to be ground. To be sure, eventually steam and electricity replaced water power. Today the old mill race is a drainage ditch, which ends at Cypress Point near the entrance to the development called Michelbook 6, where some of the water enters a culvert and a portion supplies a pond on the Michelbook golf course.

MASONIC CEMETERY: A WALK INTO HISTORY

A Hillside resident walking west on Cemetery Road to the Masonic Cemetery is beginning a hike into history. He or she treads a hard-packed gravel surface into a trough, then steeply up, past recent graves with room for more, to what began as a pioneer burying ground.

The origin is unrecorded, as is true for many early cemeteries. Probably some of the first settlers near the forks of the Yamhill in the 1840's discerned this grassy hillside of about 25 acres as suitable for burials. A story is told of an 1840's veteran of the Oregon Trail riding up the hill, admiring the vista of valley and mountains, and declaring, "This is where I want to be buried." His family, visiting the grave many years later, recognized him as a grandson of John Quincy Adams. The Adams family plot lies above a giant maple near the top -- the western border. There are many such early graves. One headstone reads, "Richard A. Booth, 1812 - 1888, pioneer of 1847. Dates of birth and death tell the story for many. Near the summit lies the family plot of William T. Newby, 1820 - 1884, who arrived with the wagon train of 1843 and in 1856 laid out McMinnville on his donation land claim and gave the city its name. His wife rests beside him.

This burying ground legally became the Masonic Cemetery in 1876, when Union Lodge #43, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, purchased the ten acres, including many graves, from Jonathan and Patsy A. Todd. The original purchase extends uphill and both east

and west of the present maintenance shed. Three later purchases gave the cemetery its present configuration.

The Lodge has preserved the original rustic character of the site. A few giant maples, cedars and firs shade graves on the original purchase. There is a scattering of other trees and shrubbery, some planted by man and others by nature. Family plots predominate in the older areas. No mausoleums and not much statuary are to be found. Headstones are in a variety of styles. Some seem to have been fashioned from locally quarried lava rock. Many markers bear names found on McMinnville's and Yamhill County's landmarks, such as Redmond, McDaniel, Baker, Hembree, Shadden, Wortman, Cozine and Wright. Time and weather have dimmed or stolen away many inscriptions. The general aspect speaks of the rough simplicity of a pioneer farming community, individualistic in outlook, modestly prosperous and of sober habits.

There are several features of special interest. Adjacent to the maintenance shed is a small section containing 16 graves of men who served in the Civil, Spanish American and perhaps Indian wars. Newby, McMinnville's founder, purchased this section for use by the national government in burying veterans. The present caretaker, Richard Magers, decorates these graves with American flags on Decoration Day.

In the northwest corner lies a small unmarked field. In the late 1920's the Lodge donated space sufficient for 32 graves to Yamhill County for the burial of the indigent. The field is quite separate from another pauper's field, fenced off and not part of the Masonic Cemetery, which

lies beyond the southern boundary. This pauper's field belongs to Yamhill County. Both fields are thought to contain bodies of persons dying in the early years of the Great Depression, possibly from a county poor farm which adjoined the cemetery on the south.

Originally, the Masonic Cemetery was two miles west of McMinnville. Today, the city limits extend to its borders, making the cemetery a buffer between town and country. Like all modern cemeteries, it contains an ongoing historical record; but in addition, it is a monument of importance to American history.

(I am indebted to Richard Magers, Sexton and Caretaker of the Cemetery, and Robert C. Rhoads, Secretary of the Union Lodge #43, Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, McMinnville, and former member of Hillside's Board of Directors, for much of the information in this essay.)

WATER RESERVOIRS

Begin the ascent of Fox Ridge Road, itself one of the county's older roads. Two-thirds of the way up you will see on the right hand side a field containing four large reservoirs, light aquamarine in color, way stations for McMinnville's water supply. Utilitarian? Yes, and more. These show a triumph over nature's perversity. The reservoirs are landmarks to the city's escape from a fate facing all of the valley's early settlements of having to rely for their daily water on shallow wells and sluggish, muddy streams.

At first, of course, there was the Yamhill. In 1889 the city fathers proudly announced they could now supply faucets and hydrants with its water. Within a few years people were demanding something better. The volume was insufficient, and in dry summers the water was considered by many to be unsafe. "It is strange, indeed, that the town has escaped an epidemic through use of this water," wrote a reporter for the 9 September, 1905 issue of the *Telephone Register*. City officials searched for an improved supply. In 1905 they formed the Water and Light Commission, which found in springs and creeks of the western hills a source known as the Cowles Creek Basin. "Scores of splendid springs located at the base of Hudson Mountain" which would furnish "200 gallons per day for every man, woman and child in the city," wrote a jubilant reporter for the issue of 17 June, 1905. In 1906 the commissioners approved building the first of the reservoirs on Fox Ridge Road as a cement-lined, open air pond, to

receive, hold and transmit the Cowles Creek water by gravity to the city two miles away.

Within three years the Cowles Creek Basin failed. Again the commissioners had to rely on the Yamhill, although they examined Baker Creek and even dug several deep wells whose water proved plentiful but salty. In 1911, they built a filtration plant and continued combing the mountains, spotting a possibility in Haskins Creek, a tributary of the North Yamhill, 14 miles distant. In 1915 they channeled the Haskins Creek water through a tunnel to the Fox Ridge Road reservoir and a year later constructed a second reservoir which, like the first, was an open air pond. (As you look in, reservoir #2 is closest to the road; the first reservoir is to its east.)

This was progress. Still, the new system could not supply ever increasing needs, and the commissioners continued using the Yamhill. At the same time, the full potential of Haskins Creek beckoned. In the early 1920's the Commission secured the talent of an experienced manager, Milton H. (Mickey) McGuire (whose daughter, Kay Keene, lives on Cascade Way). McGuire, together with the Commission and its chairman, Walter Scott Link, drew up plans for securing the city's whole supply from Haskins Creek.

With faith in their success, they began the difficult political and engineering work of establishing a large dam, which they completed in 1928. The dam held back an artificial lake holding 136 million gallons. As a reporter for the *Telephone Register* of May 4, 1928, put it, the city now had "one of the finest water systems of the state . . . The

water is pure, clear, cold, health-giving, an adequate supply to minister to the wants of McMinnville for the long decades ahead." The system came to be known as the Walter Scott Link impounding dam and reservoir.

More time passed -- wants multiplied -- an old story. In 1948 the two original reservoirs were enlarged and walled. Together they held 5 million gallons. Three years later the Walter Scott Link dam was raised from 60 to 80 feet and in 1964, a third reservoir was built, holding 7 million gallons. By this time the commissioners had obtained from the state on favorable terms a watershed of some 6,000 acres including land on both sides of the divide separating waters flowing into the Willamette from those going directly into the Pacific via the Nestucca River. In 1965 the commissioners selected a site on the Nestucca for what was to become known as the Milton H. McGuire Dam, holding back an artificial lake containing 1.2 billion gallons. They completed the project in 1971. Engineers connected the lake on the Nestucca with that on the Haskins by digging a ditch in the saddle crossing the divide and laying pipeline in the bottom, then covering it over.

Work went on. In 1988 the Commission applied to the state to raise the McGuire Dam and in 1995 built reservoir #4 with a capacity of 10.5 million gallons. Environmental concerns intruded. Permission was granted early in 2001. "There will always be challenges," said Waldo Sears, Hillside resident and former Water and Light Commissioner. So, as you look from Fox Ridge Road at the four reservoirs, you are seeing evidence of a history of

an ever-distancing success involving frustration, perseverance, overtime and genius. There is only one anomaly. You also see a cell phone tower. Maybe this will become an historic landmark in time, as has the airplane beacon of the 1930's.

(For material in this essay the author is indebted to many sources, but especially to Pat Quinn of the Water & Light Commission and articles in the *Telephone Register*.)

COUNTY POOR FARM

You can still see the farmhouse, if you do not mind a half-mile hike. Walk west up the recently paved extension of West Second Street. The old farmhouse, now a modernized private dwelling, is near the top of the ridge, set back a little from the right hand (north) side of the road.

This was home for many of the county's elderly poor in those bygone days when welfare was a prime responsibility of local governments. The Yamhill County Farm for the Aged, or poor farm, came about in 1903 when the county commissioners purchased for \$40 an acre the Jonathan Todd farm, 127.24 acres, extending from the corner of Second Street and Hill Road westward to the top of Foxridge (an area now occupied by West Hills Estates), from there northward to a common border with the Masonic Cemetery (now young forest), and westward from the ridge onto the slopes beyond. At the time of the purchase the property probably contained a large farmhouse, such as might have served Jonathan and Patsy Todd and their seven children. The land also had several outbuildings and a cistern filled from a well operated by a windmill. A year after the purchase the commissioners ordered a small barn to be built.

Little is known about the farm during its first 24 years. Apparently about a dozen poor, often fewer, lived there, mostly single men. At the time of entrance, eligibles with property surrendered it to the county in exchange for a promise of being cared for during their

lifetimes. The county court exercised oversight. Commissioners gave the orders and paid the bills. The "inmates" (as the newspapers invariably called the residents) shared rooms and lived in a boarding house style. Their comforts were confined to essentials as these were understood at a time when largely rural America was less burdened with technology than it is today. A caretaker lived on the premises, also a cook who may have been his wife. By 1925 the farmhouse had a telephone but probably no electricity.

More is known about life on the poor farm during the final 12 years. The caretaker was Sam McCune. He and his family shared space in the farmhouse with the aged poor. For a few years McCune's son-in-law, Mel Holland, also lived there. In 1929 the total number of inhabitants, including the five McCunes, was 14. In 1934 the number of residents, excluding the McCunes, stood at 12, of whom 11 were single men, one bedridden. Pat Forgey, who wrote of the poor farm for the *News-Register*, quoted Holland as saying, "What I remember is old men sitting on porches all day . . . There was no one up there I know of who ever had any company." Joyce (Widness) Fink, who from 1928 lived across the road on Walnut Crest and played with some of the McCune children, recalls the farm containing few residents, although one, an "Italian," appeared as a novelty to the children. A small walnut orchard stood behind the farmhouse to the north. Holland commented, "Every time you sat down you had to crack walnuts." The nuts were sold to local bakeries and other businesses.

(Note: Following appearance of this article in the *Highlights*, the McMinnville *News-Register* published a letter concerning life on the farm written by Joanne Mau of Isanti, Minnesota. Joanne is a granddaughter of Lena and Sam McCune; she was born on the farm and lived there as a child. Her memories of the County Farm -- the name she prefers -- are highly favorable and sharply contrast to the criticisms levied by outsiders in the 1930's. Hers is an inside view and a "must" for anyone who would like to know more about the tenor of life there. The article appeared in the "Viewpoints" section of the newspaper for August 4, 2001.)

The commissioners had established the poor farm with an aim of saving money in fulfilling their duty of providing welfare services. On the occasion of the first payment on the Todd farm, the writer of "Local Happenings in Brief" in the May 23, 1903, issue of McMinnville's newspaper, *Telephone Register*, commented, "Yamhill County has a poor farm and the taxpayers are of the opinion that its purchase will prove an act of economy instead of resolving itself into the white elephant that one of the county board feared it might." Whether or not economies were actually realized during the first 24 years is conjectural. By 1929 major capital expenditures had become desirable. Then the issue became critical.

Accounts of developing troubles on the farm from 1929 on can be taken from the *Telephone Register*. Life styles and attitudes were changing. The automobile had replaced the horse and wagon. A swarm of improvements had raised acceptable standards of living. The country

was entering the worst depression in its history. People began to find fault with the farm. County grand juries investigated.

In 1929 a grand jury reported the road to the farmhouse impassable, the buildings in disrepair, the water supply inadequate, and both lighting and sanitation "bad." Residents were using candles to light their rooms. Sam McCune suggested that the commissioners might solve the water shortage by connecting the farmhouse with the city reservoir lying northward across the Masonic Cemetery on Fox Ridge Road. Earlier, in 1906, they had planned to do this, but had been thwarted because of the failure of the Cowles Creek Basin supply.

Now, the Haskins Creek Dam, completed a year before, was giving the city a full supply. But where was the money to come from? The commissioners said they were willing to sell the farm and relocate the poor on less farm land closer to the city, but that no buyer had appeared. In the end, the commissioners made minor repairs.

Controversy continued. A grand jury in 1934 repeated most of the earlier charges and added that medical facilities were nonexistent. Again, no major repairs were made, although during the next few years some rooms were added to the farmhouse to take care of a growing number of residents.

As people looked on, life on the farm continued much as always. The grand jury of 1929, while pointing out shortcomings, nevertheless had declared the residents to be receiving "good treatment." A letter to the newspaper

from a widely known and respected McMinnville physician who had treated patients on the farm, Dr. Charles L. Williams, defended it: "I am personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCune and think Yamhill county fortunate to secure such competent people for the management of the farm. The board and lodging of the inmates on the county farm is as good as that of hundreds of the citizens of Yamhill county . . . the accommodations furnished are as good or better than most of the inmates have had during their earlier life."

Many townspeople also sympathized. Ruth Johnson, now a resident at Hillside Manor, remembers that in the early 1930's she and a small group of young people from the First Baptist Church on several Sunday afternoons went with their teacher to the farmhouse to sing, bringing a portable organ with them. Ruth recalls there were only a few residents, and all were men. "We sang hymns. They sat in a semi-circle around us, all crying. A pitiful sight."

But conditions of life on the farm were no longer the main issue. By the end of the 1930's almost everywhere the institution of the poor farm or poor house had become an anachronism. An editorial entitled "That Poor Poor Farm" in the November 30, 1939, issue summed up the crisis: "The often condemned, much vilified and repeatedly indicted poor farm has again come in for judicial wrath . . . The matter comes before almost every budget committee . . . the county court doesn't know where to get the money to replace the rickety building now serving." One suggestion was a bond issue to raise the \$30,000 needed. The commissioners had another idea.

New Deal legislation was making it possible for them to lift much of the expense of welfare onto national shoulders while retaining local control. They had recently formed a County Welfare Commission, which now reported that all inmates could be more reasonably cared for under existing new programs.

And so, a banner headline in the *Telephone Register* for December 21, 1939, read, "COUNTY ABOLISHING FARM FOR THE AGED." The Welfare Commission took over the tasks of finding acceptable private homes among which "patients" (as the newspaper now called them) could choose, and to which they could be transferred. Fifteen applied for the transfer, assured by the county that it would provide for them until death.

In 1942 the county sold the property. Since that time several parties have lived in the repaired and beautified "rickety building" with its million dollar view atop Foxridge, while some of the former residents rest in a (recently fenced) paupers' field at the northeastern edge of the land they had once called home.

QUARRIES

Two nearby quarries tell the same story. The largest lies a quarter mile up Fox Ridge Road and is visible from the Manor dining room. It is privately owned and holds a lake which feeds the water hazards on Michelbook golf course. It was opened in the 1960s. The other, much older, smaller and tantalizingly close to Hillside's Traditions, is obscured from sight by houses. It lies north of the Calvary Chapel off Second Street. The State of Oregon originally owned and worked it and in 1969 sold it to the city, which paid for it with money donated by civic-minded Ralph and Jake Wortman with an intention of making it a city park. Neither quarry is now active. Both contain a hard basalt rock once used for road base and rip-rap.

However, uses of the rock are of little historical importance compared with what a geologist sees. These man-made scars on the earth are windows through which he can interpret how the land came to be as it is. His discoveries are lessons in historical geology. Although the Willamette Valley is young when measured against the age of most of North America, its formation goes back to an epoch called the Eocene, 55-36 million years ago, when Oregon's shoreline and the accompanying subduction zone were close to the Blue Mountains. At that time, the continental plate was moving westward, as it still is; and as it did so, it collided with volcanic islands, which became forerunners of the present Cascades. Silt, sand and mud eroded into the ocean at the base of these

mountains, to which was added much volcanic debris from various sources, thereby contributing to form basement rocks of the future Willamette Valley and Coast Range. Additional offshore volcanic activity increased the complexity of these underwater formations.

About 30 million years ago, Oregon's shoreline and subduction zone gained their present locations, and the ocean floor at the base of the ancestral Cascades began rising. The modern Cascades came into being when the subducted oceanic plate reached a depth at which the rocks melted and rose as magma to form volcanoes. The Coast Range formed as rocks were scraped off the subducting ocean floor and were added to an uplift of the edge of the continent. As the uplift continued, inland seas drained away, leaving the present Willamette Valley.

Much later, from 17 to 5 million years ago, in an epoch called the Miocene, near the common borders of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, huge outpourings, known at the Columbia River Basalt Group, sent lava flowing as far west as the Pacific Ocean. Some flows invaded Yamhill County, but missed McMinnville. Ever since the flows stopped, erosion and floods have deposited silt, sand, clay and gravel over the older formations, which here and there show up as outcroppings, as with the Coast Range basalts that peep out of McMinnville's quarries.

Hillside is fortunate in having an expert who can identify these rocks, Art Flint, formerly of the U.S. Geological Survey, consultant to industry, and sometime professor of geology at Chapman College, California. He

recognized them as Coast Range basalts. Ron Geitgy of Oregon's Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) added to Art's identification in a letter to the writer:

The quarries in your immediate area are developed in the basalt of the Nestucca Formation, Eocene in age (about 40 million years old) . . . The Nestucca Formation is a poorly understood sequence of volcanic flows and volcanic sediments. Micro fossils in the sediments indicate marine deposition but they appear to be a jumbled collection from different specific marine environments. The entire formation may represent an offshore basin sinking or spreading with faulting along which basalt was injected, invading or overriding (or both) the sediments.

Let anyone interested in more about this subject read *Geology of Oregon* (5th edition) by Elizabeth and William N. Orr. For the purpose of this essay, it is enough to assert that the quarries reveal Hillside Communities as resting on old ocean floor, now part of Oregon's Coast Range. Should anyone wish to see more of this floor, a hike further up Fox Ridge Road will bring in sight at an entrance to a large covered area on the left (south) side, four piles of boulders of various sizes. The largest of these are pillow basalts, formed when fluid lava flows

into and hardens under water, as has recently occurred with lava going into the Pacific from Mauna Loa on the island of Hawaii.

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Poor Farm Yamhill County Oregon


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CUTLINE - New Pottersfield Cemetery memorial marker

Jun 18, 2002 

Tom Ballard/News-Register

A memorial plaque now marks the plot of land known as Pottersfield Cemetery in McMinnville, thanks to developers Ray Kauer and Barry House. They recently installed the stone provided at cost by Macy & Son Funeral Directors. Kauer and House deeded the old cemetery site to Yamhill County a couple of years ago when they discovered it was home to gravesites for people from the Yamhill County Poor Farm, House said.

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Charity/County Graves: Sometime during the early part of the depression years in 1928-1929, the Lodge donated three Lots in the First Addition (Nos. 414, 438 & 439) to Yamhill County for those indigent persons needing a place for burial. The county dug the graves and usually only reported the names of the deceased and the year of burial. 45 persons are reported as being buried in these graves although there was supposed to be space for 32. It is believed that some of these people might be buried in Lots 440 and 415. Also the Lodge gave grave spaces in Lots 401, 416, 417 and 441 for Charity graves.

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| John Pomper | 1858 | 1931 |
| Robt. Bradley | 1848 | 1933 |
| Albert Rea | 1877 | 1931 |
| Walter Rea | 1848 | 1932 |
| Geo. Rea | 1874 | 1930 |
| Marion Collins | 1882 | 1930 |
| Frank Holland | 1881 | 1932 |
| Peter S. Gibson | 1898 | 1932 |
| Golden A. Gibson | 1872 | 1930 |
| Edna Rembert | 1886 | 1930 |
| Frank Stone | | 1932 |
| Henry Schulzwecker | | 1932 |
| Edith Sawyer | | 1932 |
| H. Alfred Reba | 1802 | 1931 |
| John Sanders | 1849 | 1933 |
| Arthur Foster | 1898 | 1931 |
| James S. Beck | 1875 | 1933 |
| John Thompson | age 71 | 1953 |
| Geo. W. ... | 1867 | 1931 |
| Hugh B. Osborne | 1862 | 1936 |
| Lydia Scott | | 1937 |
| Simon Huffer | 1862 | 1939 |
| Geo. ... | | 1941 |
| Charles Franklin | | 1942 |
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| John Milton Anderson | 1870 | 1943 |
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Recalling County Farm as a happy place

It was with a sad and heavy heart that I read the account in the June 23 Viewpoints of life on what was incidentally called the "Poor Farm." I have always known it as the County Farm.

Seventy years ago, I was born there. My grandparents, Leola and Sam McClure, ran the farm. They did not make much money, but a person would not have known that. They were very hard workers and made the farm a very wonderful place for their family and for the old people in their care. I spent much of my life there.

There was farming. There were cows that were milked for the milk and the cream was used to make butter. They also raised chickens for the eggs and meat. They raised pigs and had a very nice hog house for them. That meat was used for the family and residents. They also raised sheep to sell the wool. I was given a lamb and every year was given a little money from its wool.

There was a washhouse where grandma made soap and washed clothes. It was so much fun to watch the wringer go around. Canned foods were stored and smoked beef hung from the ceiling of a fruit house.

The walnut orchard behind the house was a big help to earn money that compensated for the

small wages. Everyone helped pick the walnuts, which were dried in the big storage shed and in the attic of the house. When the nuts were dry, the men would sit with a wooden box that had a 2x4 across the top and just crack them and let them fall into the box. After that, long tables were set up in the living room and we would all shell them. We tried to keep them in as big pieces as possible. We did not look on this as a chore as we always had fun and much laughter.

We kids also sang with the residents. I don't remember any crying, but do imagine that the songs brought back many memories. You can also see that in today's modern and expensive health care facilities. The people were generally happy and a lot of fun for us kids to be with. I think that experience is what gave me respect for older people.

One German lady who went to the kitchen every morning for cream for her coffee liked to talk in German to Grandma. Two old men were constant companions because one was deaf and one was blind. They were the eyes and ears for each other. Another liked to play solitaire and passed love of the game to me. He said, "Never cheat in solitaire because you only cheat your self." One man carved wonderful forks and

spoons, both small and large.

The screened front porch gave the residents a nice place to sit and enjoy the view. When the grapes were on, my grandmother and neighbor ladies would sit under the arbor and quilt.

There were naturally some sad times. One man lost his mind and had to be subdued until the sheriff came. That man never came back. Another man would come and stay a few weeks and then leave. No one really knew where he went. He was nice and we liked it when he came "home." One morning he came back but only made it to the front yard where he was found dead. That was the saddest.

My grandparents moved to the other side of town when the farm was closed. A few of the men would not go anywhere but with them, so they built a cottage for them on the new place.

I don't think anyone nowadays could work like they did on the farm. I hope my few little stories will help give a better view of the County Farm. I know they gave many older people a healthy, happy place to spend their "golden" years. And they certainly gave us a wonderful place to learn, grow and be happy.

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LANDMARKS: 4. THE COUNTY POOR FARM: PART 1

You can still see the farmhouse, if you do not mind a half-mile hike. Walk west up the graveled extension of West Second Street. The old farmhouse, now a modernized private dwelling, is near the top of the ridge, set back a little from the right hand (north) side of the road.

This was home for many of the county's elderly poor in those bygone days when welfare was a prime responsibility of local governments. The Yamhill County Farm for the Aged, or poor farm, came about in 1903 when the county commissioners purchased for \$40 an acre the Jonathan Todd farm, 127.24 acres, extending from the corner of Second Street and ~~North~~ Hill Road westward to the top of Foxridge (an area now occupied by West Hills Estates), from there northward to a common border with the Masonic Cemetery (now young forest), and westward from the ridge into the valley beyond. At the time of the purchase the property probably contained a large farmhouse, such as might have served Jonathan and Patsy Todd and their seven children. The land also had several outbuildings and a cistern filled from a well operated by a windmill. A year after the purchase the commissioners ordered a small barn to be built.

Little is known about the farm during its first 24 years. Apparently about a dozen poor, often fewer, lived there, mostly single men. At the time of entrance, eligibles with property surrendered it to the county in exchange for a promise of being cared for during their lifetimes. The county court exercised

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oversight. Commissioners gave the orders and paid the bills. The "inmates" (as the newspapers invariably called the residents) ^{and lived in boarding farmhouse} shared rooms ~~dormitory~~ style. Their comforts were confined to essentials as these were understood at a time when largely rural America was less burdened with technology than it is today. A caretaker lived on the premises, also a cook who may have been his wife. By 1925 the farmhouse had a telephone but probably no electricity.

More is known about life on the poor farm during the final 12 years. The caretaker was Sam McCune. He and his family shared space in the farmhouse with the aged poor. For a few years McCune's son-in-law, Mel Holland, also lived there. In 1929 the total number of inhabitants, including the ^{\$100} McCunes, was 14. In 1934 the number of residents, excluding the McCunes, stood at 12, of whom 11 were single men, one bedridden. Pat Forgey, who wrote of the poor farm for the News-Register, ~~December 16, 1937~~, quoted Holland as saying, "What I remember is old men sitting on porches all day. . . . There was no one up there I know of who ever had any company." Joyce (Widness) Fink, who from 1928 lived across the road on Walnut Crest and played with some of the McCune children, recalls the farm containing few residents, although one, an "Italian," appeared as a novelty to the children. Not much actual farming was done. A small walnut orchard stood behind the farmhouse to the north. Holland commented, "Every time you sat down you had to crack walnuts." The nuts were sold to local bakeries and other

A small walnut orchard stood behind the farmhouse to the north. Holland commented, "Every time you sat down you had to crack walnuts." The nuts were sold to local bakeries and other businesses. Memories disagree as to whether the barn contained cattle. Joyce Pink said that in her time it did not,

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that in fact, most of the land was unused.

The commissioners had established the poor farm with an aim of saving money in fulfilling their duty of providing welfare services. On the occasion of the first payment on the Todd farm, the writer of "Local Happenings in Brief" in the May 23, 1903, issue of McMinnville's newspaper, Telephone Register, commented, "Yamhill county has a poor farm and the taxpayers are of the opinion that its purchase will prove an act of economy instead of resolving itself into the white elephant that one of the county board feared it might." Whether or not economies were actually realized during the first 24 years is conjectural. By 1929 major capital expenditures had become desirable. Then the issue became critical.

- Ross Yates

To be continued.

LANDMARKS: THE COUNTY POOR FARM. PART 2

The land that once was the poor farm is only a long stone's throw from both the upper and lower campuses of Hillside. The farm's eastern border extended for almost a quarter of a mile along Hill Road north from the intersection with Second Street.

Accounts of developing troubles on the farm from 1929 on can be taken from the Telephone Register. Life styles and attitudes were changing. The automobile had replaced the horse and wagon. A swarm of improvements had raised acceptable standards of living. The country was entering the worst depression in its history. People began to find fault with the farm. County grand juries investigated.

In 1929 a grand jury reported the road to the farmhouse impassable, the buildings in disrepair, the water supply inadequate, and both lighting and sanitation "bad." Residents were using candles to light their rooms. The caretaker, Sam McCune, suggested that the commissioners might solve the water shortage by connecting the farmhouse with the city reservoir lying northward across the Masonic Cemetery on Fox Ridge Road. Earlier, in 1906, they had planned to do this, but had been thwarted because the water level in the reservoir was too low. Now, the Haskins Creek Dam, completed a year before, was giving the city a full supply. But where was the money to come from? The commissioners said they were willing to sell the farm and relocate the poor on less farm land closer to the city, but that no buyer had appeared. In the end, the commissioners made minor repairs.

Controversy continued. A grand jury in 1934 repeated most of the earlier charges and added that medical facilities were nonexistent. Again, no major repairs were made, although during the next few years some rooms were added to the farmhouse to take care of a growing number of residents.

As people looked on, life on the farm continued much as always. The grand jury of 1929, while pointing out shortcomings, nevertheless had declared the residents to be receiving "good treatment." A letter to the newspaper from a widely known and respected McMinnville physician who had treated patients on the farm, Dr. Charles L. Williams, defended it: "I am personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCune and think Yamhill county fortunate to secure such competent people for the management of the farm. The board and lodging of the inmates on the county farm is as good as that of hundreds of the citizens of Yamhill county. . . . the accommodations furnished are as good or better than most of the inmates have had during their earlier life."

Many townspeople also sympathized. Ruth Johnson, now a resident at Hillside Manor, remembers that in the early 1930's she and a small group of young people from the First Baptist Church on several Sunday afternoons went with their teacher to the farmhouse to sing, bringing a portable organ with them. Ruth recalls there were only a few residents, and all were men. "We sang hymns. They sat in a semi-circle around us, all crying. A pitiful sight."

But conditions of life on the farm were no longer the main issue. By the end of the 1930's almost everywhere the institution of the poor farm or poor house had become an anachronism. An

editorial entitled "That Poor Poor Farm" in the November 30, 1939, issue summed up the crisis: "The often condemned, much vilified and repeatedly indicted poor farm has again come in for judicial wrath. . . . The matter comes before almost every budget committee. . . . the county court doesn't know where to get the money to replace the rickety building now serving." One suggestion was a bond issue to raise the \$30,000 needed. The commissioners had another idea. New Deal legislation was making it possible for them to lift much of the expense of welfare onto national shoulders while retaining local control. They had recently formed a County Welfare Commission, which now reported that all inmates could be more reasonably cared for under existing new programs.

And so, a banner headline in the Telephone Register for December 21, 1939, read, "COUNTY ABOLISHING FARM FOR THE AGED." The Welfare Commission took over the tasks of finding acceptable private homes among which "patients" (as the newspaper now called them) could choose, and to which they could be transferred. ~~Their number had increased as the depression had worn on.~~ Fifteen applied for the transfer, assured by the county that it would provide for them until death.

In 1942 the county sold the property. Since that time several parties have lived in the repaired and beautified "rickety building" with its million dollar view atop Foxridge, while some of the former residents rest in a (recently fenced) pauper's field at the northeastern edge of the land they had once called home.

- Ross Yates

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mates of the leading hotels of the state. In handling such people a certain deviation from the best and highest standards of living is unavoidable. I am personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCune and think Yamhill county fortunate to secure such competent people for the management of the farm.

The Board and lodging of the inmates of the county farm is as good as that of hundreds of the citizens of Yamhill county. I saw the small room pictured with several men in it and wondered what had become of the large room with a big heater in the middle, that accommodates many men without crowding.

The accommodations furnished are as good or better than most of the inmates have had during their earlier life. People going to the county farm should not be given the impression that they have been elected to congress. There is much distress among the home owners owing to high taxes, and a bit of consideration should be shown for those that are trying to live respectably outside the county farm.

CHAS. L. WILLIAMS, MD.

One never gets too old to learn. I've been an employe of the city of McMinnville for several years, and as chief of police have oversight of the jail, but did not know until reading report of the grand jury that our jail had a women's ward.

Reminds us of the story of the man who said: "If I had some ham I'd have ham and eggs if I had a wife, I wouldn't have her."

The government has declared that in a future war will be stepped up and price controls maintained. This means the government will take the share of profit through taxes will keep merchants from hoarding their retail prices beyond a reasonable figure, all of which take the profit out of war transactions.

Confiscation of Profits

"In other words, profits will be practically confiscated during period of a war. And what we can gain even if the cash-carry policy would enable county to do \$9 billion dollars business a year if the income was used for a further expansion of armaments rather than reduce the national budget?

"Business also realizes that means regimentation of business such as business has never experienced before," he continued, "would mean putting an American Hitler at the controls of American business. Such a condition might lead to greater regimentation and supervision by the government."

"Already in Canada and on the continent governmental bureaus have taken over entire industries. Competition has been eliminated and employees of private firms have been transferred to the government payrolls. Some businessmen abroad, and in Canada, are wondering if they will ever get their businesses back again.

Industrial Mobilization Set

"Industrialists are also aware of the fact that the industrial mobilization plan which has been in process since the world war has been revised for 1939. They know that army officials have

In this column I shall deal with the Nazi "peace" for Poland. But that part of Poland annexed by the Germans has been divided into purely German territory and into a colonial territory, a protec-

torate and still more humane system. It was at least a treaty. There is no treaty of Warsaw. For a treaty implies legal rights to both signers.

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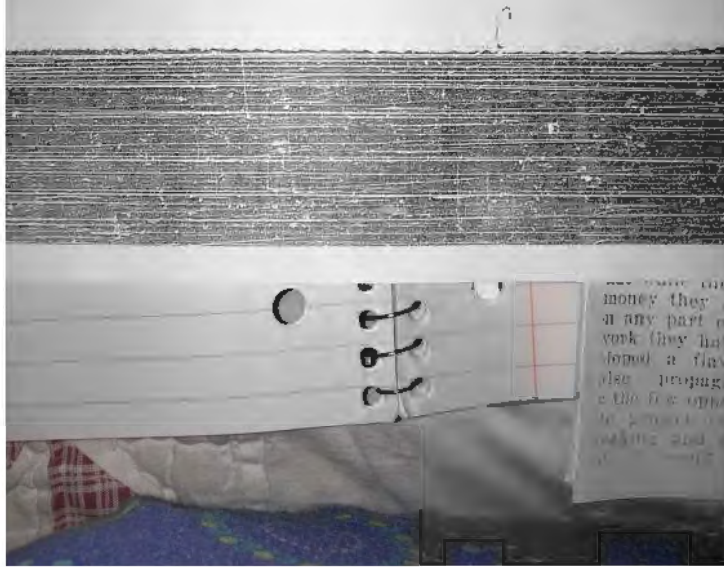
To the Editor:—

I read with interest the report of the conditions at the Yamhill county farm.

Several times I have seen the table and the boarders and am familiar with the meals served. At all times that I have been present

there has been an abundance of wholesome, well prepared food on the table. I have seen the kitchen where the food is prepared and when one considers the boarders, the place is remarkably well kept. The past and present hygiene of many of the inmates are not fully in accord with the habits of the in-

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EVERYTHING. I've seen photos of them in front of the house. But I have a lot of "stuff" to go through still. I remember my grandfather talking about helping his father-in-law bury old men from the County Home. Send me a friend request and we can discuss it.

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Cindy Becker



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Cindy Becker

My great grandparents ran it until the late 1930's. McCune was their last name.

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Johnny Edwards Author

Cindy Becker Do you have pictures or know where pictures can be found? Any documents kept by the family? Thank you.

Just now Like Reply



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Yamhill Abolishes Old Poor Farm

McMinnville, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Yamhill county court abolished the farm for the aged today and transferred 18 inmates to the county public welfare commission.

Twenty private homes will be inspected to determine if facilities are adequate to care for one or more patients.

The grand jury recently condemned the farm because it was over-crowded, unsanitary and without proper fire protection.

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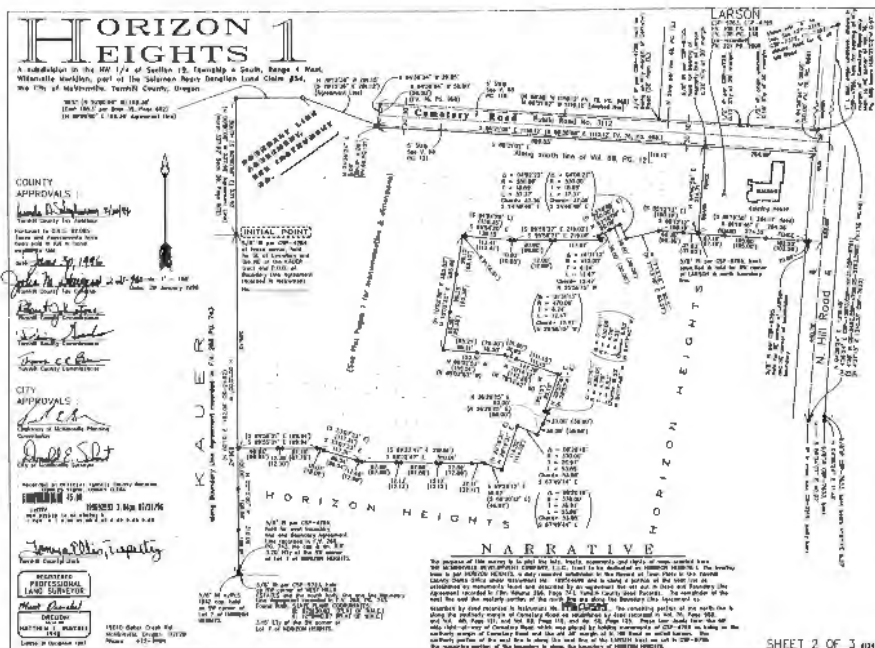
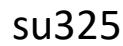
McMinnville, Nov. 23.—(AP) The Yamhill county grand jury recommended immediate action in a special report today to eliminate "deplorable conditions" at the county **farm** for the aged before there was a "major tragedy."

The wooden structure housing 18 persons was described as "unsafe, inadequate and unsanitary" and a "dangerous fire hazard." The report added there was only one bath for the residents and "no hot water for a week."

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James C. Kover
James C. Kover, Esquire, 4400 E. Sprague Ave., Suite 200, Spokane, WA 99202

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On this 2nd day of Feb 1976, personally appeared before me a Notary Public in the State of Oregon, PATRICIA L. KAHN and ADRI GILLES, representatives in the KAPPA KAPPA KAPPA FRATERNITY CHAPTER, L.L.C., an Incorporated Utility Company, and that the instrument was voluntarily signed and sealed by them in full of and in pursuance of its contents.

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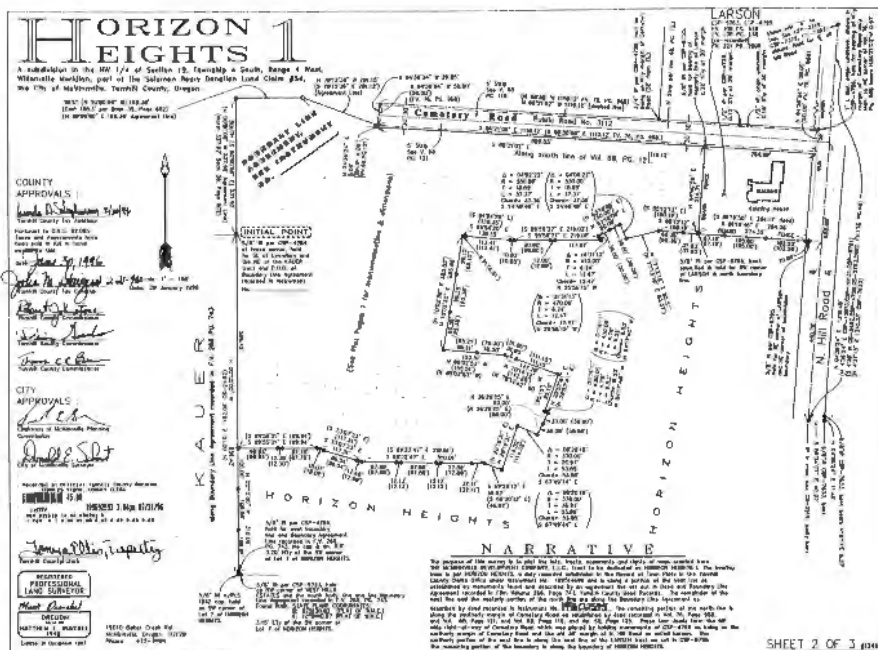
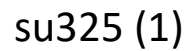
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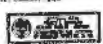
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RE: Tending county-owned cemeteries

From: Jessica Beach <beachj@co.yamhill.or.us>

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Cc: muchb@co.yamhill.or.us

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 09:59 AM PDT

I am looping in our Parks and Work Crew Manager, Ben Much, with regard to this work crew request. I would add, due to COVID, our crews and ability to meet our current workload of parks maintenance and contracts has been very limited for over a year now. Thank you for your patience in that regard.

Yamhill County Department of Community Justice's mission is to serve the community with compassion while promoting accountability, safety, and wellness to inspire positive lasting change.

Jessica Beach

Yamhill County Department of Community Justice

Director

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Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:16 PM

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Subject: RE: Tending county-owned cemeteries

I don't believe either of those properties are owned by Yamhill County. I am unclear who may own those two properties, but any requests for work crew assistance would be routed to Ben Much. I would note that due to the pandemic, work crews are limited.

Thank you,

Ken Huffer

County Administrator

Yamhill County

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Subject: RE: Tending county-owned cemeteries

Just to let you folks know, last month I was requested to write an e-mail to confirm that a clean-up/improvement project at the Malone Cemetery did not need land use approval. My understanding of the project is they plan to rebuild the wall around the cemetery, replace the sidewalk, replace the grass, mulch the perimeter, add period appropriate plants, a wall mural representing 1850 Yamhill County and a sign with the names of the individuals buried in the cemetery. I sent the e-mail to Gill Kuri (OPRD) and copied the local contact, Joan Buccino.

From: Casey Kulla <kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 10:41 AM
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Subject: Tending county-owned cemeteries

Ken, Director Beach, Director Friday, and Director Lago,

Johnny Edwards (you likely saw an article yesterday in the News-Register about his efforts) tends the McMinnville Masonic Cemetery and the Pauper's Cemetery, both of which he believes are owned by Yamhill County. If they are county-owned, Mr. Edwards requests that a work crew be regularly assigned to tend and clear the cemeteries. I believe that one is the corner of 99W and Lafayette Ave, surrounded by Wilco, and it is nearly covered by a fallen oak). I am not sure what the next steps would be, but I appreciate Mr. Edwards' work and I wanted to make sure this was in front of you.

Thank you!

Casey